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DECEMBER 1992 FIELD TRIP SUMMARY

December 6, Sunday (WGB)
Wheat Ridge Greenbelt, Coors Pond and Mount Olivet Cemetery. Leaders: Joe & Norma Kamby. Observers: Walt Bowles, David Pantle, Kim Potter, Karleen Schofield, Joe TenBrink. (Clear; Wind, N 13-19 KPH; -14 to 1°C). 13 km by car, 5 km on foot. 0800-1300. (46 species; 1,342 individuals)

TUESDAY BIRDERS TRIPS

(Compiled by Monna Krebs)

Dec 1. Cherry Creek Reservoir SP. Leader: Ann Bonnell. 22 observers. (Clear; Wind, NW 30-50 KPH; 2-5°C). 8 km by car, 1½ km on foot. 3 hrs birding. (22 species, 699 individuals)

Dec 8. Wheat Ridge Greenbelt. Leader: Ann Bonnell. 39 observers. (Partly cloudy; Wind, 5-8 KPH; 0-6°C). 6 km on foot. 3½ hrs birding. (37 species, 841 individuals)

1992 DENVER CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT

Dec 19, Saturday, 6:00 AM - 5:10 PM.
Compiler: Dick Schottler. Feeder Coordinator: Patty Echelmeyer. Sky: Clear. Temperature: -8° to 40°F. Wind: Variable, 0-10 MPH. Snow cover: 0"-30". Fresh water: Partly open. Wild food crop: Good. Observers: 122 (70 in 25 parties, 52 at feed-

ers). Total party hours: 189 (122 on foot, 2.5 on skis, 64.5 by car). Total party miles: 694.5 (90.1 on foot, 4 on skis, 600.4 by car). Total count: 92 species; 23,095 individuals.

Participants by Area (Leaders underlined)

Area 1. Red Rocks Park (RRP): Winston W. Brockner, Lea Anne Brown, Robert Brown, Karol Buckley, Dan George, Ron Huston, Frank McDaniel, William Paine.

Area 2. Lower Bear Creek (LBC): Bobbie Ausfahl, Mike Barber, Rose Barber, Barbara Bridges, Mary Jane Schock, Robert Spencer.

Area 2A. Bear Creek Lake Park (BCP): Kathy Hawkins, Marjorie Roberts, Sylvia Sather.

Area 3. BowMar/Marston (BMM): Diana Koshak, Connie McDonald, Mortimer Staatz.

Area 4A. Lower South Platte (LSP): Virginia Bleck, Ed Holub, Pearl Jordan, Jean Maguire, Nicki Pliler.

Area 4B. Lower South Platte (LSP): Dick Pratt, Dick Schottler.

Area 5. Highline Ditch (HLD): Lois Foreman, Betty Oliver, Harold Oliver, Donna Randolph.

Area 6. Plum Creek (PCK): Bobbie DeMuth, Norman Erthal, Aaron Sell.

Area 7A. Middle South Platte (MSP): Walter Hackney, Joey Kellner, Steve Stachowiak.

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Christmas count continued

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Area 15. Indian Hills (IHL): Duane Nelson, Tom Parker.

Area 16. Upper Bear Creek: (not counted)

Area 17. Ken Caryl Ranch (KCR): Dee Hay, Alan Hay, Eric Potter.

Area 18. Garrison Gate: (not counted)

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1992 CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT HIGHLIGHTS

by Dick Schottler

The 1992 Denver Christmas Bird Count was the 39th consecutive count conducted by the Denver Field Ornithologists in the same count circle – a 15-mile diameter circle established in 1954 and centered just north of the entrance of the old Ken Caryl Ranch. While the total number of species seen on the 1992 count (92) was the lowest in years, two new species were added to the count list bringing the total number of species recorded over the 39-year span to 173.

The two species added to the cumulative count list this winter were Greater Yellowlegs and Sage Thrasher. The Greater Yellowlegs was observed as it waded in the South Platte River south of Bowles Avenue in Area 4B. A conveniently nearby Killdeer provided excellent size comparison effectively eliminating the other species of yellowlegs. The Sage Thrasher was spotted by Patty Echelmeyer and crew in Area 9 along the South Platte River about one-half mile above the Kassler parking lot. The thrasher posed for the lucky observers for 15 minutes at a distance of 10 feet.

Other species recorded on the 1992 count that had been recorded only a few times previously included Eared Grebe, Black-crowned Night-Heron, Yellow-bellied Sapsucker, and Green-tailed Towhee. Eared Grebes had been seen on only five previous counts, the last in 1991. One was seen swimming on the South Platte River in Area 4B this winter. Black-crowned Night-Herons had been seen on only three previous counts (1985, 1988, 1991). Of the four seen on the 1992 count, three were in Area 4B and one was found in Area 7A. The species seems to be becoming an expected bird on the Denver Count. An immature Yellow-bellied Sapsucker was spotted in a yard in Area 20 on Count Day and was reported to the Colorado Bird Report. This was the sixth time the species was recorded on the count. Green-tailed Towhees had been observed on only five counts prior to 1992, the last in 1989. The sighting on the 1992 count was along the South Platte in area 7B.

New maximum individual numbers were established for five species on this win-

ter's count. These were Black-crowned Night Heron (4), Ferruginous Hawk (11), Wild Turkey (75), Blue Jay (136), and Rufous-sided Towhee (105). Previous highs for the night-heron (3) and turkey (57) were recorded only a year earlier in 1991.

Numbers of at least six species were the lowest recorded in more than 20 years. These included American Wigeon (45, lowest since 1964), Lesser Scaup (1, lowest since 1962), Rough-legged Hawk (4, lowest since 1969), American Coot (33, lowest since 1961), Black-billed Magpie (768, lowest since 1969), and American Tree Sparrow (102, lowest since 1969). For the second year in a row, no Northern Harriers were tallied on the count. Prior to 1991, the harrier had been missed only twice in 37 years. No Ring-necked Pheasants were recorded on this count. They were absent on only one previous count.

The ten most numerous species on the 1992 count were: 1) Canada Goose (3898), 2) European Starling (3111), 3) House Finch (1834), 4) Dark-eyed Junco (1766), 5) Red-winged Blackbird (1627), 6) Rock Dove (1100), 7) Mallard (1069), 8) House Sparrow (1009), 9) Black-billed Magpie (768), and 10) Pine Siskin (635). These ten species accounted for 73 percent of all the individuals counted.

The Area 4B party (Dick Pratt, Dick Schottler) tallied the most species on the 1992 count (47), while Area 4A (Ed Holub, leader) produced the highest number of individuals (2592).

As compiler, I want to say thanks to all of the field observers and feeder watchers for participating in the count, and a special thanks to the Area Leaders whose efforts made the 1992 Denver Christmas Bird Count a success.

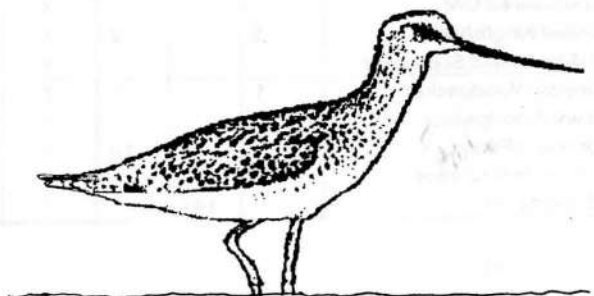


TABLE 1: Birds Reported on December Field Trips

DATE	6	1	8	1992 Christmas Bird Count										
AREA COVERED	WGB	Tue. Birders		AREA #	1	2	2A	3	4A	4B	5	6	7A	7B
LIFE ZONES VISITED	P	P	P	AREA	RRP	LBC	BCP	BMM	LSP	LSP	HLD	PCK	MSP	MSP
Pied-billed Grebe				X					2	4				
Eared Grebe				X						1				
Great Blue Heron				X					1	20		2	1	3
Black-crowned Night-Heron				X						3			1	
Canada Goose	800	325	215	X	44	197	181	720	500	530	174	44	24	451
Wood Duck	2		3	X					10	5				
Green-winged Teal	25		8	X		12			26	54		3		14
Mallard	126	35	225	X		176	5	130	330	245	2	26	15	42
Northern Pintail				X		3			2	28				
Northern Shoveler	4	20	21	X					2	4				
Gadwall	17		2	X		2			6	18				
American Wigeon	12		14	X		10			8	15				
Canvasback	1		1											
Redhead	10			X					12					
Ring-necked Duck	2			X		5	1		1	20				
Lesser Scaup	12	2	6	X						1				
Common Goldeneye	17	2	10	X		7	6	4	11	24		3	3	11
Bufflehead	13			X					8	33				
Hooded Merganser		2		X		2			3	7				2
Common Merganser	6		1	X			82	5	60	26			4	7
Ruddy Duck			1											
Bald Eagle				X						1a				1a
Sharp-shinned Hawk				X							1		1	
Cooper's Hawk				X										1
Northern Goshawk				X										
Red-tailed Hawk	1	1		X								1		
western races						6	4		3	5	4	1	7	2
"Harlan's" race						1				1				
Ferruginous Hawk		3		X		2	3						1	
Rough-legged Hawk				X					1		1			1
Buteo species														1
Golden Eagle				X	2a1i								1a	
American Kestrel	1			X	1	3	1		2	2		2	1	1
Prairie Falcon				X						1			1	
Ring-necked Pheasant		1												
Blue Grouse				X										
Wild Turkey				X										
Virginia Rail	2		1	X								2		3
American Coot	1			X					20	11				2
Killdeer	1			X					1	13		1	1	
Greater Yellowlegs				X						1				
Common Snipe	2		4	X		1				8		3	2	2
Ring-billed Gull	78	52	50	X		8	3	14	35	6				
Herring Gull		1		X					2	3				
Gull species										70				
Rock Dove	25		5	X	49	101	47	50	153	57	101	4		36
Eastern Screech-Owl	1		2											
Great-horned Owl				X			2	1		1	4	2	6	5
Short-eared Owl				X	1									
Belted Kingfisher	3		2	X		6	1	3	4	5		2	3	6
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker				X										
Downy Woodpecker	1		6	X			1		1		3	7	4	4
Hairy Woodpecker				X			1					1		3
Northern Flicker		2	10	X										
"Red-shafted" race	10				5	18	7	14	37	9	12	13	12	16
Horned Lark		144		X			1H				190	3		

1992 Christmas Bird Count														FEEDERS		GRAND TOTAL	
8 CSR	9 USP	10 LDC	11 UDC	12 YPK	14 NTC	15 IHL	17 KCR	19 MWB	20 WCK	21 MLW	SUB- TOTAL	PLNS	FHLS				
1											6 1 28 4			6 1 28 4			Pied-billed Grebe Eared Grebe Great Blue Heron Black-crowned Night-Heron
225	7	11					26		148		3282	616		3898			Canada Goose
	1										16 109 1026 33 6	2		18 109 1069 33 6			Wood Duck Green-winged Teal Mallard Northern Pintail Northern Shoveler
40	8								7			43					Gadwall American Wigeon Canvasback Redhead Ring-necked Duck
	2 10										28 43 12 28	2		28 45 12 28			Lesser Scaup Common Goldeneye Bufflehead Hooded Merganser Common Merganser
15	7										1 91 41 14 196			1 91 41 14 196			Ruddy Duck Bald Eagle Sharp-shinned Hawk Cooper's Hawk Northern Goshawk
12																	Red-tailed Hawk western races "Harlan's" race Ferruginous Hawk Rough-legged Hawk Buteo species
1a			1a 1		1a						5 3 1	2	1	5 6 1 1			Golden Eagle American Kestrel Prairie Falcon Ring-necked Pheasant Blue Grouse
3	2	2		1	1	1	5	1	4		1 52 2 11 4 3	1		1 53 2 11 4 4			Wild Turkey Virginia Rail American Coot Killdeer Greater Yellowlegs
1	1 1	1					1		1		8 20 3 1	2 3	2	10 25 3 1			Common Snipe Ring-billed Gull Herring Gull Gull species Rock Dove
	1a1i 1 1			1i			1 1	3	1	1							Eastern Screech-Owl Great-horned Owl Short-eared Owl Belted Kingfisher Yellow-bellied Sapsucker
				40	35						75 5 33 18 1			75 5 33 18 1			Downy Woodpecker Hairy Woodpecker Northern Flicker "Red-shafted" race Horned Lark
2																	
1							1				17 83 10 70 797	4		17 87 10 70 1100			
16																	
5																	
3						26	59		105	6		303					
4		1									26 1 36			26 1 36			
1	1							3		1							
2	1	2		2	4	9	2	1	1		44 21	14 4	16 14	74 39			
2	20	5	4	2		7	20	6	6	3	218 194	58	13	289 194			

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TABLE 1: December Field Trips (continued)

DATE AREA COVERED LIFE ZONES VISITED	6	1	8	1992 Christmas Bird Count										
	WGB P	Tue. Birds P	P	AREA # AREA	1 RRP	2 LBC	2A BCP	3 BMM	4A LSP	4B LSP	5 HLD	6 PCK	7A MSP	7B MSP
Steller's Jay				X	1									
Blue Jay	2		4	X		4			7	1	5		2	1
Scrub Jay				X	13									
Black-billed Magpie	26	25	20	X	22	84	40	45	42	63	21	33	25	14
American Crow	8	2	2	X		7		1	3	12	3	29	3	4
Common Raven				X	6	4	3	4		4	6	3	5	2
Black-capped Chickadee	10	2	14	X	10	18	19		33	11	17	67	35	53
Mountain Chickadee				X										
Bushtit				X										
Red-breasted Nuthatch	2			X										
White-breasted Nuthatch	2		2	X					1			1	3	
Pygmy Nuthatch				X										
Brown Creeper	1		1	X		3	1		1			7	3	
Canyon Wren				X	9									
Winter Wren				X		1								1
Marsh Wren				X								3		1
American Dipper	1			X		2	1						2	1
Golden-crowned Kinglet				X										
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	2		1	X		3						1	1	
Townsend's Solitaire				X	10	2							3	
American Robin	1			X	9	3		7	42	1			1	2
Sage Thrasher				X										
Cedar Waxwing				X					7					
Waxwing species														
Northern Shrike				X	2		1					2	2	2
European Starling	40	48	85	X	2	263	27	330	320	205	107	37	15	20
Yellow-rumped Warbler				X										
"Audubon's" race									1					
Green-tailed Towhee				X										1
Rufous-sided Towhee			1	X	1							2	3	5
American Tree Sparrow		5		X	4		10	5		5	16	12	30	8
Chipping Sparrow			1*											
Song Sparrow	14		10	X	4	13	11	15	7	20	4	43	30	36
Lincoln's Sparrow				X								1		
White-crowned Sparrow	14		14	X		1	8		1	15	19	8		
Dark-eyed Junco			20	X			8					5		
"White-winged" race														
"Slate-colored" race					2	7			3		41		4	2
"Oregon" race	1				28	6	28	2	6	5	45		2	8
"Pink-sided" race	9				10	12	12		51		17		19	10
"Gray-headed" race					34	2		3						
Lapland Longspur				X							3			
Red-winged Blackbird	6	20	4	X		206	40		550	320	28	333		
Western Meadowlark		5		X							3			1
Rosy Finch				X										
"Black" race														
Pine Grosbeak				X										
Cassin's Finch				X	6									
House Finch	10	1	48	X	21	158	103	100	150	28	57	7	3	28
Red Crossbill				X										
Pine Siskin	2			X	20				15		6		6	19
American Goldfinch		1	2	X			4		1	1	56	11		8
Evening Grosbeak				X										
House Sparrow	15		25	X	22	60	15	35	110	35	43			
TOTAL SPECIES	46	22	37		24	35	31	19	45	47	27	36	37	41
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	1342	699	841		339	1419	677	1488	2592	1958	989	725	285	841

* No details given

1992 Christmas Bird Count															
8 CSR	9 USP	10 LDC	11 UDC	12 YPK	14 NTC	15 IHL	17 KCR	19 MWB	20 WCK	21 MLW	SUB- TOTAL	FEEDERS		GRAND TOTAL	
		9	50	54	25	8		4		6	157	18	31	206	Steller's Jay
	1	11			1		17		3	1	54	73	9	136	Blue Jay
	15	8	2	20		1	26	18	8	16	127	5	24	156	Scrub Jay
35	30	17		7	10	8	75	22	49	3	645	108	15	768	Black-billed Magpie
2	4	11	150	17	30	29	75	28	16		424	87	43	554	American Crow
1	2		10	2	15	3	12	2	11	2	97	1	1	99	Common Raven
13	20	10	10	34	5	8	17		13	8	401	104	28	533	Black-capped Chickadee
		2	75	32	40	39	10	6			204	19	38	261	Mountain Chickadee
		1	30	15	20	41	8	1		8	14			14	Bushtit
		3	1	117	15	29		12			116	8	5	129	Red-breasted Nuthatch
1			8	4	2	9					34	2	3	39	White-breasted Nuthatch
						2	3				177		25	202	Pygmy Nuthatch
											39	2		41	Brown Creeper
											14			14	Canyon Wren
											2			2	Winter Wren
1	1							1	1		4			4	Marsh Wren
			4	2	5		1				10			10	American Dipper
											12			12	Golden-crowned Kinglet
											5		1	6	Ruby-crowned Kinglet
	19	4	15	20	15	18	16	3	9	6	140	2	3	145	Townsend's Solitaire
	45	9	5	112	3	23	53	1	100	5	421	16	5	442	American Robin
	1										1			1	Sage Thrasher
				103							110	19		129	Cedar Waxwing
												7		7	Waxwing species
2	1										12			12	Northern Shrike
17	35	19		3	35	11	434	18	212		2110	977	24	3111	European Starling
															Yellow-rumped Warbler
											1			1	"Audubon's" race
											1			1	Green-tailed Towhee
	17	9	23	8		4	5	4		3	84	11	10	105	Rufous-sided Towhee
1										4	95	5	2	102	American Tree Sparrow
28	7					1			2	5	226		2	228	Chipping Sparrow
											1			1	Song Sparrow
4		1							1		58	31		89	Lincoln's Sparrow
	11			85	40	15	56	20	3		243	87	141	471	White-crowned Sparrow
						8					8	2		10	Dark-eyed Junco
	1	1	5	1			23	17		2	109	59	85	253	"White-winged" race
6	35	19	15	4	15	1	34	20	1	25	305	86	47	438	"Slate-colored" race
15			20	4		7			1		178	93	58	329	"Oregon" race
	13	6	10	50	5	5	1			24	153	49	63	265	"Pink-sided" race
											3			3	"Gray-headed" race
3						1	61	35			1577	50		1627	Lapland Longspur
											4			4	Red-winged Blackbird
												95	120	215	Western Meadowlark
												5		5	Rosy Finch
				3							3		6	9	"Black" race
			2			9			13		30		12	42	Pine Grosbeak
12	20	18	11	10	2	135	25	24	12		924	797	113	1834	Cassin's Finch
		14	7	15	12		10				128		2	130	House Finch
		6	15	35	20	30	20			4	196	185	254	635	Red Crossbill
			2	1	1						85	75	38	198	Pine Siskin
			75	12				1			88	26	113	227	American Goldfinch
	1		10			1	31	35	2	4	404	573	32	1009	Evening Grosbeak
31	32	25	24	30	27	29	28	27	25	20		38	34	92	House Sparrow
475	344	201	548	878	390	384	1229	306	745	149	16962	4733	1400	23095	TOTAL SPECIES
															TOTAL INDIVIDUALS

Abbreviations used in Table 1: H = Heard only, P = Plains, a = adult, i = immature

Table 2: Species Recorded on Denver Christmas Bird Counts - 1954-1992

(Compiled by Jack Reddall and Phil Hayes)

Species	Year Added to Count	Number of Years Recorded		Highest Number of Individuals	
		#	%	Number	Year(s)
1 Red-throated Loon	1956	5	13	1	'56 - '90
2 Pacific Loon	1981	2	5	3	'81
3 Common Loon	1970	7	18	5	'80
4 Yellow-billed Loon	1981	3	8	2	'82
5 Pied-billed Grebe	1954	28	72	92	'81
6 Horned Grebe	1956	8	21	4	'65
7 Eared Grebe	1974	6	15	6	'81
8 Western Grebe	1958	16	41	7	'82
9 American White Pelican	1990	2	5	2	'90
10 Double-crested Cormorant	1976	12	31	6	'90
11 Great Blue Heron	1954	34	87	61	'77, '81
12 Black-crowned Night-Heron	1985	4	10	4	'92
13 Tundra Swan	1954	8	21	9	'57
Mute Swan#	1967	8	-	8	'68
14 Gtr. White-fronted Goose	1964	9	23	11	'73
15 Snow Goose ("White" morph)	1958	12	31	8	'81, '87
16 Ross' Goose	1977	3	8	6	'82
17 Canada Goose	1954	39	100	15367	'90
18 Wood Duck	1954	34	87	58	'85
19 Green-winged Teal	1954	39	100	204	'87
20 American Black Duck	1968	2	5	1	'68, '87
21 Mallard	1954	39	100	2928	'67
22 Northern Pintail	1954	39	100	180	'74
23 Blue-winged Teal	1974	2	5	2	'77
24 Northern Shoveler	1954	35	90	94	'91
25 Gadwall	1954	39	100	206	'57
26 American Wigeon	1954	39	100	603	'81
27 Canvasback	1954	27	69	53	'66
28 Redhead	1954	37	95	199	'57
29 Ring-necked Duck	1954	39	100	408	'89
30 Greater Scaup	1967	8	21	6	'68, '77
31 Lesser Scaup	1954	35	90	166	'84
32 Oldsquaw	1970	5	13	5	'80
33 Surf Scoter	1962	1	3	1	'62
34 White-winged Scoter	1973	2	5	1	'73, '89
35 Common Goldeneye	1954	39	100	265	'88
36 Barrow's Goldeneye	1973	4	10	1	'73 - '86
37 Bufflehead	1954	34	87	83	'86
38 Hooded Merganser	1955	35	90	53	'89
39 Common Merganser	1954	39	100	3000	'54
40 Red-breasted Merganser	1954	15	38	9	'82
41 Ruddy Duck	1954	26	67	20	'62
42 Bald Eagle	1955	20	51	5	'83 - '92
43 Northern Harrier	1955	35	90	32	'80
44 Sharp-shinned Hawk	1955	31	79	11	'87
45 Cooper's Hawk	1956	31	79	5	'85
46 Northern Goshawk	1955	23	59	4	'73 - '85
47 Red-tailed Hawk	1954	39	100	64	'88
"western" race	1954	39	100	64	'88
"Harlan's" race	1954	26	67	12	'81
48 Ferruginous Hawk	1961	22	56	11	'92
49 Rough-legged Hawk	1955	38	97	24	'85
50 Golden Eagle	1954	36	92	15	'91
51 American Kestrel	1954	39	100	64	'81
52 Merlin	1956	21	54	5	'81
53 Peregrine Falcon	1954	1	3	1	'54
54 Prairie Falcon	1954	38	97	9	'84
55 Ring-necked Pheasant	1954	37	95	72	'60
56 Blue Grouse	1958	20	51	13	'80
57 Wild Turkey	1978	8	21	75	'92
58 Virginia Rail	1974	17	44	19	'74
59 Sora	1974	1	3	4	'74
60 American Coot	1954	39	100	636	'81
61 Killdeer	1954	39	100	61	'81
62 Greater Yellowlegs	1992	1	3	1	'92
63 Common Snipe	1954	39	100	45	'75
64 Ring-billed Gull	1954	39	100	4198	'86
65 California Gull	1973	13	33	15	'82
66 Herring Gull	1954	37	95	421	'86
67 Thayer's Gull *	1975	6	30	5	'86
68 Lesser Black-backed Gull	1991	1	3	1	'91
69 Glaucous Gull	1954	4	10	1	'54 - '73
70 Rock Dove *	1973	20	100	1600	'89
71 Mourning Dove	1955	23	59	100	'57
Monk Parakeet #	1990	1	-	2	'90
72 Barn Owl	1975	1	3	1	'75
73 Eastern Screech-Owl +	1982	6	55	1	'82 - '88
Screech-Owl species	1955	26	67	5	'77
74 Great Horned Owl	1954	38	97	41	'81
75 Northern Pygmy-Owl	1959	16	41	5	'90
76 Long-eared Owl	1955	21	54	9	'76
77 Short-eared Owl	1955	8	21	4	'55
78 Belted Kingfisher	1954	39	100	83	'81
79 Lewis' Woodpecker	1955	4	10	2	'70, '76
80 Yellow-bellied Sapsucker sp.	1970	6	15	3	'80
81 Williamson's Sapsucker	1990	1	3	1	'90
82 Downy Woodpecker	1954	39	100	88	'89
83 Hairy Woodpecker	1954	39	100	53	'72, '81
84 Three-toed Woodpecker	1972	5	13	3	'90
85 Northern Flicker	1954	39	100	352	'88
"Red-shafted" race	1954	39	100	352	'88
"Yellow-shafted" race	1977	5	13	2	'80
86 Vermilion Flycatcher	1957	1	3	1	'57
87 Horned Lark	1954	38	97	867	'83
88 Gray Jay	1968	3	8	1	'68 - '78
89 Steller's Jay	1954	39	100	546	'73
90 Blue Jay	1957	28	72	136	'92
91 Scrub Jay	1954	39	100	167	'86
92 Pinyon Jay	1966	3	8	4	'66, '67
93 Clark's Nutcracker	1955	10	26	40	'72
94 Black-billed Magpie	1954	39	100	1832	'81
95 American Crow	1954	39	100	729	'90
96 Chihuahuan Raven	1971	2	5	2	'73
97 Common Raven	1955	30	77	162	'73
98 Black-capped Chickadee	1954	39	100	685	'90
99 Mountain Chickadee	1954	39	100	567	'71
100 Bushtit	1956	17	44	187	'78
101 Red-breasted Nuthatch	1955	34	87	273	'90
102 White-breasted Nuthatch	1954	39	100	92	'91
103 Pygmy Nuthatch	1954	39	100	419	'76
104 Brown Creeper	1954	39	100	54	'81
105 Rock Wren	1954	8	21	5	'70
106 Canyon Wren	1954	39	100	18	'58
107 Bewick's Wren	1961	1	3	1	'61
108 House Wren	1975	2	5	1	'75, '79
109 Winter Wren	1954	18	46	7	'74
110 Marsh Wren	1955	20	51	11	'74
111 American Dipper	1954	39	100	41	'81

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Table 2: Species on Christmas Bird Counts - 1954-1992 (continued)

Species	Year Added to Count	Number of Years Recorded		Highest Number of Individuals	
		#	%	Number	Year(s)
112 Golden-crowned Kinglet	1954	30	77	43	'71
113 Ruby-crowned Kinglet	1960	20	51	11	'81
114 Western Bluebird	1974	2	5	6	'87
115 Mountain Bluebird	1961	3	8	2	'75
116 Townsend's Solitaire	1954	39	100	302	'77
117 Hermit Thrush	1971	2	5	1	'71, '89
118 Wood Thrush	1984	1	3	1	'84
119 American Robin	1954	38	97	1198	'87
120 Gray Catbird	1988	1	3	1	'88
121 Northern Mockingbird	1955	11	28	2	'62, '68
122 Sage Thrasher	1992	1	3	1	'92
123 Brown Thrasher	1962	11	28	2	'89
124 American Pipit	1957	22	56	37	'90
125 Bohemian Waxwing	1956	14	36	5871	'87
126 Cedar Waxwing	1954	21	54	140	'87
127 Northern Shrike	1954	39	100	18	'75
128 Loggerhead Shrike	1955	6	15	2	'79
129 European Starling	1954	39	100	5559	'79
130 Cape May Warbler	1985	1	3	1	'85
131 Yellow-rumped Warbler	1957	10	26	8	'91
"Myrtle" race	1957	3	8	1	'57 - '90
"Audubon's" race	1957	6	15	7	'91
132 Pine Warbler	1979	3	8	1	'79 - '90
133 Common Yellowthroat	1973	1	3	1	'73
134 Rose-breasted Grosbeak	1977	1	3	1	'77
135 Green-tailed Towhee	1962	6	15	1	'62 - '92
136 Rufous-sided Towhee	1954	39	100	105	'92
137 Canyon Towhee	1961	1	3	2	'61
138 American Tree Sparrow	1954	39	100	3538	'73
139 Field Sparrow	1991	1	3	1	'91
140 Fox Sparrow	1954	17	44	6	'70
141 Song Sparrow	1954	39	100	344	'81
142 Lincoln's Sparrow	1954	14	36	4	'73
143 Swamp Sparrow	1954	21	54	5	'77, '79
144 White-throated Sparrow	1954	23	59	14	'77
145 Golden-crowned Sparrow	1967	4	10	1	'67 - '90
146 White-crowned Sparrow	1954	39	100	348	'65
147 Harris' Sparrow	1955	33	85	40	'69

Species	Year Added to Count	Number of Years Recorded		Highest Number of Individuals	
		#	%	Number	Year(s)
148 Dark-eyed Junco	1954	39	100	2158	'79
"White-winged" race	1954	39	100	253	'72
"Slate-colored" race	1954	39	100	462	'83
"Oregon" race @	1954	39	100	923	'74
"Gray-headed" race	1954	39	100	618	'74
149 McCown's Longspur	1978	1	3	2	'78
150 Lapland Longspur	1972	10	26	20	'83
151 Chestnut-collared Longspur	1957	2	5	3	'78
152 Snow Bunting	1977	2	5	12	'83
153 Red-winged Blackbird	1954	39	100	2692	'64
154 Western Meadowlark	1954	39	100	515	'62
155 Yellow-headed Blackbird	1957	5	13	2	'89
156 Rusty Blackbird	1959	14	36	20	'81
157 Brewer's Blackbird	1954	33	85	619	'58
158 Common Grackle	1959	7	18	11	'76
159 Brown-headed Cowbird	1983	1	3	1	'83
160 Northern Oriole	1982	1	3	1	'82
"Bullock's" race	1982	1	3	1	'82
161 Rosy Finch	1954	33	85	540	'72
"Gray-crowned" race	1954	28	72	535	'72
"Black" race	1954	23	59	25	'67 - '76
"Brown-capped" race	1954	7	18	208	'56
162 Pine Grosbeak	1961	11	28	20	'74
163 Purple Finch	1971	2	5	1	'71, '79
164 Cassin's Finch	1954	38	97	628	'63
165 House Finch	1954	39	100	1925	'89
166 Red Crossbill	1955	22	56	171	'84
167 White-winged Crossbill	1969	1	3	75	'69
168 Common Redpoll	1961	15	38	91	'75
169 Pine Siskin	1954	39	100	1185	'67
170 Lesser Goldfinch	1960	7	18	14	'64
171 American Goldfinch	1954	39	100	651	'54
172 Evening Grosbeak	1954	34	87	981	'84
173 House Sparrow	1954	39	100	1495	'75

Not considered feral in Colorado
 * Not officially counted until 1973
 + Not officially counted until 1982
 @ Includes "Pink-sided" race

Table 3: Summaries of Denver Christmas Bird Counts -1954 thru 1992
(Compiled by Jack Reddall and Phil Hayes)

Year	Number of Species	Number of individuals	New Species Added*	Party Hours	Number of Parties	Number of Observers	No. of Feeder Watchers
1954	80	11,586	76	100	12	33	
1955	83	10,263	18	72	8	22	
1956	86	5,762	6	66	8	17	
1957	84	9,409	6	88	9	22	
1958	79	8,341	3	53	6	16	
1959	73	5,806	3	56	8	21	
1960	74	5,437	2	78	9	27	
1961	78	4,027	6	67	8	23	
1962	80	8,277	3	69	9	27	
1963	79	6,278	0	57	7	21	
1964	79	8,154	1	59	8	32	
1965	90	10,984	0	69	8	41	
1966	86	8,164	1	48	8	26	
1967	92	13,022	2	60	6	32	6
1968	93	13,550	3	130	13	56	12
1969	92	13,658	1	180	17	65	15
1970	100	14,518	3	179	17	67	22
1971	104	16,162	3	189	20	72	19
1972	95	17,073	2	164	22	63	20
1973	107	23,808	4	331	30	95	26

Year	Number of Species	Number of individuals	New Species Added*	Party Hours	Number of Parties	Number of Observers	No. of Feeder Watchers
1974	107	20,573	5	216	31	94	29
1975	106	20,693	3	276	34	104	20
1976	106	24,757	1	298	41	118	31
1977	113	29,543	3	285	37	100	34
1978	102	16,937	2	276	36	110	39
1979	98	26,795	1	267	31	116	33
1980	101	21,811	0	208	26	79	45
1981	110	33,304	2	243	33	114	40
1982	103	27,607	2	225	31	97	38
1983	93	26,330	1	207	29	109	41
1984	99	30,972	1	230	29	95	45
1985	93	18,993	2	220	27	83	41
1986	102	22,467	0	232	29	94	35
1987	100	39,486	0	246	31	92	46
1988	97	27,388	1	231	27	83	55
1989	101	25,634	0	198	27	88	51
1990	110	35,949	2	194	26	84	46
1991	99	20,559	2	184	25	75	48
1992	92	23,095	2	189	25	70	52

* Based on 1983 AOU Check-list and Supplements thru 1991

ADDITIONAL DECEMBER 1992 REPORTS

Common Loon 12/12 (1) Pueblo Reservoir, Pueblo Co. (BP,MJ)
 Western Grebe 12/27 (1) Lake Arbor, Westminster, Jefferson Co. (KS)
 Double-crested Cormorant 12/6&12 (1) Pueblo Reservoir (BP,MJ)
 Greater White-fronted Goose 12/26 (7) Valco Ponds, Cañon City, Fremont Co. (BP,VT)
 Snow Goose 12/21 (50o) Applewood area, Jefferson Co. (BG)
American Black Duck 12/13-30 (1m) Olive Marsh, Pueblo Co. (BP,)S(MJ)F
 Oldsquaw 12/5 (2) 100th Ave. & McKay Rd., Adams Co. (KP)S
 Red-breasted Merganser 12/12 (1m) South Platte River at 88th Ave., Adams Co. (KS)
 Northern Goshawk 12/22 (1) Red Rocks Park, Jefferson Co. (KS)
 Merlin 12/5 (1) 835 Harmony Dr., Pueblo West Pueblo Co. (BP)
 White-tailed Ptarmigan 12/16 (7) Guanella Pass, Clear Creek Co. (DB,BR)
 Bonaparte's Gull 12/6&12 (1) Pueblo Reservoir (BP,MJ)
Mew Gull 12/6 (1i) Pueblo Reservoir (BP)S(MJ)F
 Glaucous Gull 12/12 (1 1st w) Pueblo Reservoir (BP)
 Mourning Dove 12/1-31 (1 to 17) 4430 Gladiola St., Jefferson Co. (RS)
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker 12/19 (2m) Pueblo Reservoir (BP)S(CS,PS)
 Bewick's Wren 12/19 (1) Pueblo West (BP,CS)
 Golden-crowned Kinglet 12/7 (2) Grandview Cemetery, Fort Collins, Larimer Co. (KS)
 Eastern Bluebird 12/26 (1f) Cañon City (BP,VT)
 Western Bluebird 12/26 (10) Cañon City (BP,VT)
 Mountain Bluebird 12/19 (1022) Pueblo West (BP,PS,CS)
 Northern Mockingbird 12/19 (2) Pueblo West (PS,BP,CS)
 Ovenbird 12/1-31 (1) 2695 Newland St., Wheat Ridge, Jefferson Co. (PE)
 Northern Cardinal 12/27 (1m1f) Holly, Prowers Co. (BP,MJ)
 Black-headed Grosbeak 12/1-31 (1f) 1240 Meadowsweet Rd., Golden, Jefferson Co. (BB)
 Lincoln's Sparrow 12/27 (1) Holly (BP,MJ)S
 Swamp Sparrow 12/26 (3) Cañon City (BP,VT)
 White-throated Sparrow 12/1-31 (1) 14155 W. 54th Ave., Jefferson Co. (DM)
 Harris' Sparrow 12/1-31 (1) 14155 W. 54th Ave., Jefferson Co. (DM)
 Lapland Longspur 12/6 (1) Pueblo Reservoir (BP,MJ)
 Brown-headed Cowbird 12/27 (4) Holly (BP,MJ)
 Rosy Finch 12/10 (2 "Gray-crowned" race) Pawnee National Grassland, Weld Co. (KS)

ABBREVIATIONS used above: F = rare-bird Form submitted, S = Some details given, f = female, i = immature, m = male, o = overhead, w = winter plumage

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Note: Additional reports of sightings in January and subsequent months should be sent to the new editor, Kurt Hebner, P.O. Box 231, Louisville, CO 80027-0231 (please use full 9-digit zip). Call him at 673-0943. Reports should be received by Kurt no later than Feb 5. Be sure to include the county in which the sighting was made.

COLORADO BIRD REPORT IN DECEMBER

The most notable bird reported to the Colorado Bird Report in December (but not to the *Lark Bunting*) was a female Baikal Teal reported by W.W. Brockner at Evergreen, Jefferson County. The bird was seen along Bear Creek between Kittredge and Evergreen by many other observers throughout the remainder of the month. If the bird is not an escape it is a First State Record.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

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MEMBERSHIP DUES

A reminder that those who have not paid their dues for 1993 by the end of January will be dropped from the membership rolls. Payments should be sent to the Treasurer, Mr. Alan Hay, 6361 Brooks Dr., Arvada, CO 80004.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Second DFO Maritime Province Trip

Bob Righter will lead his second trip to the Maritime Provinces from August 27 to September 4. The trip will include 13 ferry rides in exploring bird hot spots in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick. Four nights will be spent on Grand Manan Island in the Bay of Fundy during the peak of fall migration. All expenses will be shared. The trip will be limited to 8 birders. Contact Bob at 2358 S. Fillmore St., Denver, CO 80210 (phone 692-8529).

Class on Landscaping for Birds

Tina Jones will again teach her popular class on "Landscaping for Birds Emphasizing Low-Water Requiring Plants". The class will be held February 1 and 8 from 1900 to 2100 at the Denver Botanic Gardens. A fee will be required. Call the Gardens at 370-8019 to register.

Birding Volunteer Needed

The Preserve the Hogback Committee is seeking volunteer assistance in performing a migratory and breeding bird population study of a 876-acre parcel of property known as the Dakota Hogback. If interested in helping, call Cathy Johnson at 933-3106. Please leave a message.

DFO Treasure Needed

Alan Hay, who has ably performed the duties as DFO treasurer for more than six years, would like to take a break. Anyone interested in volunteering for the job should contact DFO President Norman Erthal at 424-6747,

Virgil Williams Dies

Virgil Williams, one of the club's most active field trip participants until his recent illness, died in December. He will be missed.



FEBRUARY DFO FIELD TRIPS

Call the Colorado Bird Report at 279-3076 before going on a field trip to determine if there have been any cancellations or changes in schedules.

TIPS FOR HELPING FIELD TRIP LEADERS

Carpool if possible so the leader will have few cars to keep track of and get parked at stops. (Carpooling also saves gasoline and reduces air pollution).

Stay reasonably close to the group whether in cars or on foot.

Do not leave the group without notifying the leader.

TRANSPORTATION COSTS ON FIELD TRIPS

Everyone is expected to share in the mileage expenses on scheduled DFO field trips. The suggested share is 10 cents per mile divided by the number of people in the car including the driver.

Feb 6, Saturday. CHERRY CREEK RESERVOIR STATE PARK*. Leader: Kathy Hawkins (757-0809). Meet at 0730 at west gate of park (east of Cherry Creek H.S., 9300 E. Union). £

Feb 7, Sunday. SEDALIA, PLUM CREEK AND CASTLEWOOD CANYON STATE PARK*. Leader: Ben Moore (989-0269). Meet at 0730 south of Albertson's on NW corner of S. Broadway and County Line Road. £

Feb. 13, Saturday. FEEDERS IN LITTLETON, DEER CREEK AND TURKEY CREEK. Leader: Robert Spencer (279-4682). Meet at 0800 west of King Soopers at NE corner of S. Federal and Bellevue. £

Feb 14, Sunday. ADAMS COUNTY FAIRGROUND WILDLIFE AREA. Leader: Karleen Schofield (936-8661). Meet at 0800 at east end of north parking lot of Museum of Natural History in City Park. £

Feb 20, Saturday. TURKEY-GROUSE-PTARMIGAN TRIP. Leader: Warren Finch (233-3372). Trip will start at 0630 and will be limited to 10 people. Call leader if you wish to go. £

Feb 21, Sunday. WHEAT RIDGE GREENBELT AND MOUNT OLIVET CEMETERY. Leader: David Pantle (333-8352). Meet at 0830 at Prospect Park Lake south of W. 44th Ave. near Robb St. ö

Feb 27, Saturday. CHATFIELD STATE PARK*. Leader: Joey Kellner (978-1748). Meet at 0800 at west gate of the park on S. Wadsworth. ö

Feb 28, Sunday. HAMILTON RESERVOIR. Leader: Ron Ryder (1-482-8089). Carpool at 0700 at east end of north parking lot of Museum of Natural History in City Park. Meet leader at 0830 at visitor's overlook on south side of Hamilton Reservoir (about 3 miles west of exit 288 off of I-25 north of Fort Collins). £

£ Bring lunch

ö ½-day trip (lunch optional)

* State Park pass required for vehicles

Submitted by:

Mort Staatz (279-6169)
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NOTES:

DENVER FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS - Membership Information

WELCOME TO THE D.F.O.

PURPOSE: The prime objective of the club is to promote interest in the study and preservation of birds and their habitats. Members are encouraged to learn about birds in the field noting species and numbers and at the same time learning their songs and calls as well as habits and habitats.

REGULAR MEETINGS: The general meetings are held each month (except June, July, August and December) at 7:30 PM at the Denver Museum of Natural History. Dates and subjects of the meetings are reported on the Colorado Bird Report (279-3076) and in the club bulletin. The meetings are open to the public without charge.

FIELD TRIPS: These are scheduled for almost every Saturday and Sunday throughout the year to a variety of habitats near Denver. Occasionally special trips are arranged to good birding areas in other parts of Colorado. Usually it is necessary to bring a lunch and to wear sturdy hiking shoes or boots. Carpooling is encouraged to get the most from bird watching as well as to save time and energy. Carpooling cost is 10 cents per mile divided by the number of passengers including the driver.

BULLETIN: A monthly bulletin, *The Lark Bunting*, is issued listing field trips scheduled. A complete list of birds seen on the previous month's trips is given in checklist order as are interesting sightings reported by members.

D.F.O. COLORADO BIRD REPORT (303-279-3076)

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

_____ Regular Family Membership - \$10 (valid for next year if paid after Oct.1)

_____ Senior Citizen Membership (Age 65 or older) - \$8

_____ Student Membership (Age 18 or younger) - \$5

_____ Contribution to the Colorado Bird Report

Name _____

Address _____

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Work phone if you wish it to be shown in the membership list _____

Send to treasurer: Alan Hay, 6361 Brooks Dr., Arvada, CO 80004 (303-422-0239)



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NEXT MEETING, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3, 1993

PROGRAM: "Oh, What A Tangled Web We Weave - Cowbirds on the Move"
by Alex Cruz, Professor of Biology, University of Colorado

***** COLORADO BIRD REPORT -- 279-3076 *****

January 1993 Field Trip Summary

January 2, Saturday (SPR)

South Platte River from Beak Creek to Florida Avenue. Leaders: Alan Hay and Phil Hayes. Observers: Bob and Nancy Bierling, Dee Hay, Lyle Jordan, Pearl Jordan, Marie and Norman Kautsky, Joyce Persson, Ira Sanders, Ed Schaumburg, Karleen Schofield, Steve Segal, Mort Staatz, Helen Williams. (Clear; Calm; -3 to 12°C). 25 km by car, 2.5 km on foot. 0800-1245. (34 species; 1,152 individuals)

January 9, Saturday (BAR)

Barr Lake State Recreation Area. Leaders: Diana and Don Mullineaux. Observers: Bob Fleming, Juv Fleming, David Pantle. (Clear; Calm; -12 to -7°C). 16 km by car, 3.2 km on foot. 0900-1330. (23 species; 342 individuals)

January 10, Sunday (CHA)

Chatfield State Recreation Area. Leader: Patty Echelmeyer. Observers: Barbara Boland, Vince Kloster, Diana Mullineaux, David Pantle, Bert Paredes, Steve Segal, Ellie Walker, Sean Yates. (Fog, then partly cloudy; Calm; -12 to -4°C). 32 km by car, 5.6 km on foot. 0900-1500. (27 species; 313 individuals)

January 16, Saturday (PVA)

Platte Valley. Leader: Jackie King. Observers: Clint Jones, Joe and Norma Kamby, Sarah McDowell, Chuck Walters. (Clear, Wind NW 6 to 12 kph; -4 to 5°C). 93 km by car, 2.4 km on foot. 0800-1400. (39 species; 3236 individuals)

January 17, Sunday (EVR)

Evergreen area. Leader: Bill Brockner. Observers: Karel Buckley, Marta Deutman, Joel Herr, Ron Huston, Pearl Jordan, Ron Lestina, David Pantle, Larry M. Plone, Myron Plooster, Suzi Plooster, Warren Roske, Ira Sanders, Karleen Schofield, Anne Southcott, Joyce Takamine, Dick Williams, Amy Young. (Overcast; Wind N 0-5 kph; -6 to 1°C). 69 km by car, 1.6 km on foot. 0800-1500. (25 species; 289 individuals)

January 23, Saturday (BDR)

Boulder area. Leaders: Suzi and Myron Plooster. Observers: Patty Echelmeyer, Jim Gaull, Alan Hay, Dee Hay, Bob Holbrook, Charlie Lawrence, Elizabeth Mekkelson, David Pantle, Warren Roske, Susan Ward, Amy Young. (Clear; Wind N 1 to 12 kph; -4 to 2°C). 64.4 km by car, 1.6 km on foot. 0900-1530. (46 species, 5941 individuals)

January 24, Sunday (CCR)

Cherry Creek State Recreation Area. Leader: Randy Lentz. Observers: Ursula Barsch, Marta Deutman, Walter Hackney, Jack Reddall, Helen Williams, Bob Whitson. (Partly cloudy; Wind NE 0 to 15 kph; -4 to 2°C). 53 km by car, 9.6 km on foot. 0800-1645. (38 species; 2947 individuals)

DENVER FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS - Membership Information

WELCOME TO THE D.F.O.

PURPOSE: The prime objective of the club is to promote interest in the study and preservation of birds and their habitats. Members are encouraged to learn about birds in the field noting species and numbers and at the same time learning their songs and calls as well as habits and habitats.

REGULAR MEETINGS: The general meetings are held each month (except June, July, August and December) at 7:30 PM at the Denver Museum of Natural History. Dates and subjects of the meetings are reported on the Colorado Bird Report (279-3076) and in the club bulletin. The meetings are open to the public without charge.

FIELD TRIPS: These are scheduled for almost every Saturday and Sunday throughout the year to a variety of habitats near Denver. Occasionally special trips are arranged to good birding areas in other parts of Colorado. Usually it is necessary to bring a lunch and to wear sturdy hiking shoes or boots. Carpooling is encouraged to get the most from bird watching as well as to save time and energy. Carpooling cost is 10 cents per mile divided by the number of passengers including the driver.

BULLETIN: A monthly bulletin, *The Lark Bunting*, is issued listing field trips scheduled. A complete list of birds seen on the previous month's trips is given in checklist order as are interesting sightings reported by members.

D.F.O. COLORADO BIRD REPORT (303-279-3076)

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

_____ Regular Family Membership - \$10 (valid for next year if paid after Oct.1)

_____ Senior Citizen Membership (Age 65 or older) - \$8

_____ Student Membership (Age 18 or younger) - \$5

_____ Contribution to the Colorado Bird Report

Name _____

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Send to treasurer: Alan Hay, 6361 Brooks Dr., Arvada, CO 80004 (303-422-0239)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

President recognizes Members as Points of Light
Mildred Snyder, a 40-plus year member of DFO, was nominated as a "Point of Light" for her bird banding work. President Bush's program recognized people whose volunteer efforts benefit their communities. We congratulate Mildred on her nomination.

DFO also has a connection with another point -- the president selected the Urban Education Program of the Denver Audubon Society as the 406th Point of Light. Several DFO members volunteer for that program which shows school kids nature in their own school yards.

South Platte Corridor Survey: Volunteers Needed

A better understanding is needed of migrant and nesting bird population response and adaptation to long, narrow riparian corridors such as along the South Platte River in the Denver Metro Area. Information is also needed on the river, its riparian vegetation, use by people and wildlife, and how the environment can be improved. Data produced by a long-term survey can be used for planning and development at the local, state, and national levels. Such a survey will:

- 1) encourage citizen commitment to protect the South Platte River corridor in the Denver Metro Area;
- 2) educate people about the relationship between streams and watersheds;
- 3) identify potential problem areas;
- 4) provide a standardized data collection method, so trends can be determined; and
- 5) focus the US EPA and other resource agencies on suspected problem areas.

This corridor survey is being conducted by the EPA, the Denver Audubon Society, and other interested parties. Volunteers are needed to conduct a survey of stream sections that are approximately 2.4 km (1.5 miles) in length. Volunteer census takers, bird/wildlife observers and plant identifiers working in pairs will each have a job description. Data entry specialists and data analysts will also be needed. Census takers will be responsible for one stream section, one hour, one day per month, April through October. Bird/wildlife observers will be responsible for one stream section, one day each, the second and fourth weeks of the month, April through October. During November through March, observations will take place one day each month during the second week of the month.

During 1993, forty volunteer census takers and eight bird/wildlife observers will be needed. If you would like to be involved in the South Platte River Corridor Survey, please call the Denver Audubon Society office at 696-0877.

JANUARY HIGHLIGHTS

A total of 97 avian species (and one noteworthy mammal) was reported from nine scheduled field trips in January. Of the 33 species seen by the Tuesday Birders on their trips, and the 88 species seen by DFO members on two independent trips, 17 were seen on no DFO trip, making a total of 114 species, shown on Table 1 (Pages 43-45). Also, 20 species were reported as additional sightings, and not reported on any trip.

During the field trip to the Boulder area on January 23, Bob Holbrook, a sharp-eyed visiting observer from the Washington DC area, spotted an ermine (a weasel in winter "plumage" with black-tipped tail) in Gregory Canyon. Quite a feat, since an ermine on the snow is hard to spot.

The Baikal Teal first seen last November seems to have moved on. The last day reported was the 24th of January. This may strengthen the case that the bird is not an escape.

On January 6 at Chatfield, Urling Kingery first noticed a curious thrasher, which after examination appears to be Colorado's second (although officially not yet confirmed) Long-Billed Thrasher. The only previous record is one collected at Barr Lake in the first decade of this century. The Long-Billed Thrasher is generally found in Mexico, and only rarely strays into any part of the United States. The thrasher continues to be found (as of 8 February) in the place it was first seen, and has been seen by many observers. Photographs and a video have been taken, and the Kingerys have inspected specimens from the Denver Museum of Natural History. All seem to verify that it is indeed a Long-Billed Thrasher.

Table 1 includes the data collected in January on the nine scheduled DFO field trips, two Tuesday Birders field trips, and two independent trips taken by DFO members. Tables 2 and 3 are a compiled summary of all DFO field trips taken in 1992.

Look for the results of the Denver (Urban) Christmas Count in the next issue!

Table 1
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DATE AREA COVERED LIFE ZONES VISITED	Scheduled DFO Trips									Tues. Birders		Ind. Trips		DATE AREA COVERED LIFE ZONES VISITED
	2 USP P	9 BAR R, P	10 CHA	16 PVA	17 EVR	23 BDR	24 CCR	30 RMA R, P	31 WGB R, S	12 CAR R, P	26 SPR R, P	16 DTP	30 PBA P, M	
Pied-Billed Grebe	2			1								4	8	Pied-Billed Grebe
Western Grebe												1	1	Western Grebe
Double-Crested Cormorant				1i		3								Double-Crested Cormorant
Great Blue Heron	3		1			2					8	10	11	Great Blue Heron
Black-Crowned Night-Heron	8										2			Black-Crowned Night-Heron
Greater White-Fronted Goose													8	Greater White-Fronted Goose
Snow Goose												200		Snow Goose
White morph												200		White morph
Canada Goose	175		65	475		5000	1500	550	275		45	800	932	Canada Goose
Wood Duck						2	1		3				11	Wood Duck
Green-Winged Teal	40			40		1	100		35		8		202	Green-Winged Teal
Baikal Teal					1									Baikal Teal
Mallard	200	4	8	50	110	100	220	23	275		36	500	294	Mallard
Northern Pintail				275									15	Northern Pintail
Northern Shoveler	130			475					5					Northern Shoveler
Gadwall	65			30					2			40	3	Gadwall
American Wigeon	40					1	15		50		2m, 2f		156	American Wigeon
Canvasback								2						Canvasback
Redhead						3			4			2m	1m	Redhead
Ring-Necked Duck	3			200				19	2		1m, 1f	40	70	Ring-Necked Duck
Greater Scaup									1					Greater Scaup
Lesser Scaup									13				1m	Lesser Scaup
Common Goldeneye	15		2	100			3	1	10		1m, 1f	250	318	Common Goldeneye
Barrow's Goldeneye									1f					Barrow's Goldeneye
Bufflehead	8			13							3m, 3f	20	20	Bufflehead
Hooded Merganser	2m, 2f					6			4			65	1f	Hooded Merganser
Common Merganser	15			1		100	12		13		1m, 5f	1000	188	Common Merganser
Red-Breasted Merganser	2m								1f				1m	Red-Breasted Merganser
Ruddy Duck				2										Ruddy Duck
Bald Eagle				4i		5	1a	3				6a, 2i	2a, 2i	Bald Eagle
Northern Harrier		1		2f			2	1				15		Northern Harrier
Sharp-Shinned Hawk							1							Sharp-Shinned Hawk
Cooper's Hawk								1						Cooper's Hawk
Red-Tailed Hawk	1	4	9	7		5	1	5			1i	50	5	Red-Tailed Hawk
western races	1	3				5	1	5				50		western races
"Harlan's" race		1		1										"Harlan's" race
Ferruginous Hawk		1		8		3	1	10				2		Ferruginous Hawk
Rough-Legged Hawk				6		3, 4d		2			1da	5	2	Rough-Legged Hawk
Buteo species			2											Buteo species
Golden Eagle			1					1				1a		Golden Eagle
American Kestrel		1	2	6m, 4f		9	3	2			1m, 1f	40	2f, 1m	American Kestrel
Merlin	1													Merlin
Prairie Falcon	1			3								3		Prairie Falcon
Chukar								2						Chukar
Ring-Necked Pheasant		3						2				1f		Ring-Necked Pheasant
Wild Turkey						26								Wild Turkey
Scaled Quail												10	30	Scaled Quail

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Virginia Rail			2H, 1						2					Virginia Rail	
American Coot	2			40		7	1	2	12		1	40	70	American Coot	
Killdeer	3		1	1			6				1			Killdeer	
Dunlin							1							Dunlin	
Common Snipe			1						1	1	2	1		Common Snipe	
Ring-Billed Gull	130		1	200		80	12	30	30		30	800	245	Ring-Billed Gull	
California Gull				1										California Gull	
Herring Gull	5			30			6		1			2a, 2i	61	Herring Gull	
Thayer's Gull													11	Thayer's Gull	
Glaucous Gull							1							Glaucous Gull	
Rock Dove	100	6	16	160		30		25	25	3	44	350	18	Rock Dove	
Eastern Screech-Owl									1					Eastern Screech-Owl	
Great-Horned Owl							3	1		1f		1	9H	Great-Horned Owl	
Long-Eared Owl								7						Long-Eared Owl	
Northern Saw-Whet Owl													2H	Northern Saw-Whet Owl	
Belted Kingfisher	4		2	1			1				3	1	3	Belted Kingfisher	
Lewis' Woodpecker													2	Lewis' Woodpecker	
Yellow-Bellied Sapsucker													1f	Yellow-Bellied Sapsucker	
Downy Woodpecker	1H	1	1			2	2	4	3		1m, 1f		7	Downy Woodpecker	
"Batchelder's" race						2								"Batchelder's" race	
eastern races							2		1					eastern races	
Hairy Woodpecker					1		1					1	1	Hairy Woodpecker	
"Rocky Mountain" race					1		1							"Rocky Mountain" race	
eastern races												1m		eastern races	
Northern Flicker	2		5	4		3	9	2	4	1	1m, 2	2	5	Northern Flicker	
"Red-Shafted" race	2		5	4		3	9	2	4			2	5	"Red-Shafted" race	
Unidentified Woodpecker													1	Unidentified Woodpecker	
Horned Lark		40	50	225			35					100	10	Horned Lark	
Gray Jay					2									Gray Jay	
Steller's Jay					4	15							15	Steller's Jay	
Blue Jay	2					2			3		2	2	3	Blue Jay	
Pinyon Jay													6	Pinyon Jay	
Clark's Nutcracker					2								8	Clark's Nutcracker	
Black-Billed Magpie	14	20	27	45	2	15	52	55	18	9	10	25	54	Black-Billed Magpie	
American Crow	24		1	10	6	12			1	12		3	126	American Crow	
Chihuahuan Raven												1		Chihuahuan Raven	
Common Raven			2		4	4	1						25	Common Raven	
Black-Capped Chickadee	6	8	32		6	12	9	2	1	15	2	1	12	Black-Capped Chickadee	
Mountain Chickadee					8	8							62	Mountain Chickadee	
Red-Breasted Nuthatch					1	4							3	Red-Breasted Nuthatch	
White-Breasted Nuthatch					1	1							11	White-Breasted Nuthatch	
Pygmy Nuthatch					4	8							25	Pygmy Nuthatch	
Brown Creeper	1	1				2		2					9	Brown Creeper	
Bewick's Wren													1	Bewick's Wren	
American Dipper									2				1	American Dipper	
Golden-Crowned Kinglet					2			2					1	Golden-Crowned Kinglet	
Ruby-Crowned Kinglet						1								Ruby-Crowned Kinglet	

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Mountain Bluebird												25	155	Mountain Bluebird	
Townsend's Solitaire			1			5							2	Townsend's Solitaire	
American Robin					1	8	2		1		5		35	American Robin	
Long-Billed Thrasher			1											Long-Billed Thrasher	
Curve-Billed Thrasher												4		Curve-Billed Thrasher	
Northern Shrike		1	3				1	2				1a		Northern Shrike	
Loggerhead Shrike													1	Loggerhead Shrike	
European Starling	100	25	11	350	2	250	206	23	17		200	400	307	European Starling	
Yellow-Rumped Warbler						1							1	Yellow-Rumped Warbler	
"Audubon's" race						1								"Audubon's" race	
Rufous-Sided Towhee						1								Rufous-Sided Towhee	
American Tree Sparrow		30	51	25			49	25		1		10	5	American Tree Sparrow	
Song Sparrow		14	11	1			16	2	2	5	8	7	17	Song Sparrow	
Swamp Sparrow												1	1	Swamp Sparrow	
White-Throated Sparrow		48												White-Throated Sparrow	
White-Crowned Sparrow							1	15	5			45	80	White-Crowned Sparrow	
"Gambel's" race												45		"Gambel's" race	
Harris' Sparrow								2					2	Harris' Sparrow	
Dark-Eyed Junco		30		35	24	24	96	55	2	18	3	60	251	Dark-Eyed Junco	
"White-Winged" race													3	"White-Winged" race	
"Slate-Colored" race		5						5						"Slate-Colored" race	
"Oregon" race		5		25	10		60		2				189	"Oregon" race	
"Pink-Sided" race		20			8		36	50					10	"Pink-Sided" race	
"Gray-Headed" race					6								49	"Gray-Headed" race	
Red-Winged Blackbird		50		275		10	250	25	5			5000	45	Red-Winged Blackbird	
Western Meadowlark		14		15		27		1				120		Western Meadowlark	
Brewer's Blackbird						40						500	50	Brewer's Blackbird	
Great-Tailed Grackle													2m	Great-Tailed Grackle	
Rosy Finch					1								1	Rosy Finch	
"Gray-Crowned" race					1								1	"Gray-Crowned" race	
Pine Grosbeak					1								1H	Pine Grosbeak	
Cassin's Finch					20								1H	Cassin's Finch	
House Finch	20	23	3	55	32	50	306	70	14	3			37	House Finch	
Red Crossbill													1H	Red Crossbill	
Pine Siskin					34	30		1	1				51	Pine Siskin	
American Goldfinch		1			8				7		3			American Goldfinch	
Evening Grosbeak					12							15	25	Evening Grosbeak	
House Sparrow	25	16		60		15	6	50	16			50	76	House Sparrow	
TOTAL SPECIES	34	23	27	39	25	46	38	38	39	11	29	52	75	TOTAL SPECIES	
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	1152	342	313	3236	289	5941	2947	1017	864	69	442	10637	4231	TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	

Abbreviations used in this table: a = adult, d = dark phase, f = female, H = heard only, i = immature, m = male

Lark Bunting Editor changes

You may have noticed the *Lark Bunting* has a new look this month. This is because a new editor has taken over starting with this issue. Any comments or suggestions for improvement or new features is solicited. Please feel free to send anything of interest for inclusion, as well, and I will try to make sure it is included. Hope I got everybody's name right -- apologies if I didn't.

The following report was prepared by the *Lark Bunting's* former editor, Phil Hayes. Let's all join in thanking Phil for a job well done in the several years he was editor. This editor really appreciates all the help he has freely given in making this a smooth transition. Let me tell you, folks, this can be hard work, and Phil has done a heck of a job for us.

SUMMARY OF 1992 SCHEDULED DFO FIELD TRIPS (Compiled by Phil Hayes)

In 1992 the Denver Field Ornithologists conducted 87 scheduled field trips (excluding Spring, Fall, and Christmas counts) which were led by 49 different leaders and co-leaders and participated in by 952 observers (306 different ones)* including the leaders. As shown on Table 2 (below) the number of trips is down from an average of 94.3 trips in 1992 and the previous 6 years. Three scheduled trips were canceled and only one midweek trip was scheduled in the summer as compared to several in most previous summers. A total of 5,155 miles were traveled by car and 219 miles covered by foot on the 1992 field trips. A total of 652.3 hours were spent in the field birdwatching. Thus, the average scheduled trip lasted 7.5 hours, covered about 62 miles and was attended by 10.9 observers. The scheduled trips recorded 275 species (see Table 3 beginning on next page) which was down from the 1991 total of 279. A grand total of 364 species were recorded in 1992 in the *Lark Bunting* from all sources, i.e., scheduled DFO Field Trips; the Spring, Fall, and Christmas Counts; Independent and Tuesday Birders' trips; the Dakota Hogback Hawkwatch, and Additional Reports. Another 14 species were shown in the *Lark Bunting* as having been reported only on the Colorado Bird Report.

Only three species were recorded on more than 90 percent of the scheduled field trips. These were Northern Flicker and Black-billed Magpie both seen on 83 of the 87 trips, and Mallard seen on 79 of the trips. European Starlings were seen on almost 90 percent of the trips (78 of 87).

We are all grateful to Ruth Breckon, Mort Staatz, and Ruth Wheeler for their efforts in arranging the field trips and to all of the field trip leaders.

* Karleen Schofield takes honors for best attendance with 20 trips attended. Ed Holub was the leading leader with 7 trips

Table 2: DFO Field Trips from 1986 through 1992 Summarized

YEAR	Number of Field Trips	Miles Covered by car		Miles Covered on foot		Hours Spent Birding		Number of Observers		Total Number of Species Reported
		Total	Ave.	Total	Ave.	Total	Ave.	Total	Ave.	
1986	95	5871	61.8	222	2.4	627.5	6.5	986	10.4	261
1987	95	7128	75.0	252	2.7	672.3	7.1	1042	11.0	284
1988	100	6604	66.0	276	2.8	757.3	7.6	1067	10.7	272
1989	95	5838	61.5	231	2.4	638.5	6.7	1084	11.4	287
1990	92	4977	54.1	241	2.6	663.4	7.2	1097	11.9	276
1991	96	5757	60.0	241	2.5	720.4	7.5	1022	10.6	279
1992	87	5155	59.2	219	2.5	652.3	7.5	952	10.9	275
MEAN	94.3	5904	62.5	240	2.56	675.9	7.2	1036	11.0	276.3

TABLE 3: SPECIES SEEN ON 1992 FIELD TRIPS AND NUMBER OF TRIPS PER MONTH EACH SPECIES SEEN

Species \ Number of trips in month	JAN 7	FEB 9	MAR 9	APR 7	MAY 8	JUN 9	JUL 7	AUG 10	SEP 4	OCT 8	NOV 8	DEC 1	YEAR 87
Pacific Loon					1			1		2			4
Common Loon					1					4	1		6
Pied-billed Grebe	4	2	3	4	2	3	2	4	2	6	6		38
Horned Grebe	1	1	4	4					1	3	4		18
Eared Grebe				3		1	2	1		4	2		13
Western Grebe	1	1	1	4	1	4	1	2	2	5	2		24
Clark's Grebe						2			1				3
American White Pelican				4	2	5	3	4	1	1	1		21
Double-crested Cormorant	1		4	6	6	5	2	6	2	5	2		39
American Bittern					1	1							2
Great Blue Heron	3	5	6	6	8	8	4	6	3	6	6		61
Great Egret						1	1						2
Snowy Egret				1		4		2	1				8
Cattle Egret				1	1		1	1		1	1		6
Green-backed Heron						1							1
Black-crowned Night-Heron	1			2	3	2	2	4	1	1			16
White-faced Ibis				1	1		1	1					4
Greater White-fronted Goose										1	3		4
Snow Goose	2					1							3
Canada Goose	7	7	8	7	5	3	4	5	2	7	8	1	64
Wood Duck	2	1	3	2	2	2		1	1	1	2	1	18
Green-winged Teal	5	5	8	7	3	3	1	4	2	6	7	1	52
Mallard	7	7	8	7	8	9	6	8	2	8	8	1	79
Northern Pintail	4	5	4	4	1	2	1	2	1	5	4		33
Blue-winged Teal				5	4	3	2	1	1	1			17
Cinnamon Teal		1	3	4	3	2	2	1		1			17
Northern Shoveler	6	2	7	6	3	2	1	2		6	8	1	44
Gadwall	5	6	8	7	3	3	3	2	1	7	7	1	53
Eurasian Wigeon				1									1
American Wigeon	5	3	8	6	2		2	1	2	7	5	1	42
Canvasback	2	2	1	2					1	3	2	1	14
Redhead	5	3	6	6	1	2	2		1	5	5	1	37
Ring-necked Duck	4	4	6	5		2	2		1	5	3	1	33
Greater Scaup	2		2								1		5
Lesser Scaup	5	2	5	5	2		2		1	5	5	1	33
Oldsquaw		1											1
Common Goldeneye	7	7	4	3						2	7	1	31
Barrow's Goldeneye			1										1
Bufflehead	3	3	6				1			6	7	1	27
Hooded Merganser	3	3	3	6			1			2	5		23
Common Merganser	5	5	6	5	1		1	1	1	3	5	1	34
Red-breasted Merganser	1		2	2							1		6
Ruddy Duck	3	2	1	5	1	2	2		1	4	5		26
Turkey Vulture				4	4	2	2	4	2				18
Osprey				3	1				1	1			6
Bald Eagle	4	4	4	2		1	1	1		1	4		22
Northern Harrier	2	2	2	6	2	3	1	2	2	4	5		31
Sharp-shinned Hawk	1		1	2	1	1		2	1		1		10
Cooper's Hawk	1	1	1	3	2	2		1	1	1	1		14
Northern Goshawk		1		1		1							3
Swainson's Hawk				3	3	4	5	4					19
Red-tailed Hawk	6	7	8	7	4	7	7	8	4	6	6	1	71
Ferruginous Hawk	3	4	3	1	1	1	1		1	3	4		22
Rough-legged Hawk	4	4	2							2	2		14
Golden Eagle	2	3	4	3	2	1	1		1	2	2		21
American Kestrel	5	8	8	6	5	7	4	7	2	6	7	1	66
Merlin	3	1						1	1				6
Peregrine Falcon				2				1					3
Prairie Falcon	1	1		3	1		2	2	1	3	2		16
Chukar		1		1									2
Ring-necked Pheasant	2	3	2	2	2	2	2		1	3	2		21
Blue Grouse				1				1					2
Sage Grouse				1									1
Sharp-tailed Grouse				1									1
Wild Turkey		1			1	1							3
Northern Bobwhite					1	1	1	1					4
Scaled Quail			1										1
Virginia Rail			4		1	1		2	1	1	2	1	13
Sora					1	1	1	2		1			6

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American Coot	4	3	8	7	3	4	3	3	2	6	8	1	52
Sandhill Crane				1			1			1			3
Whooping Crane										1			1
Black-bellied Plover										2	1		3
Snowy Plover						1							1
Semipalmated Plover							1	2					3
Piping Plover						1							1
Killdeer	3	1	7	7	7	6	4	4	3	5	2	1	50
Mountain Plover				1	1	2							4
Black-necked Stilt				1	1	1							3
American Avocet				4	1	4	1						10
Greater Yellowlegs				1			2	2	2	3	1		11
Lesser Yellowlegs				2	2		1	3	1				9
Solitary Sandpiper							1	2	1	2			6
Willet				4	1	1	1						7
Spotted Sandpiper					4	5	4	3	1				17
Upland Sandpiper					1	1	2						4
Whimbrel					1								1
Long-billed Curlew					1	1							2
Hudsonian Godwit					1								1
Marbled Godwit				2				1					3
Sanderling						1				2			3
Semipalmated Sandpiper				1		1	1	1					4
Western Sandpiper							1	1					2
Least Sandpiper							1	1		2			4
White-rumped Sandpiper					1	2							3
Baird's Sandpiper							1	3	1	2			7
Pectoral Sandpiper								1					1
Stilt Sandpiper					1	1	1	1					4
Short-billed Dowitcher								1					1
Long-billed Dowitcher				2	1	1	1	2		3			10
Common Snipe	1	1		3	2	2	3	2	2	2	2	1	21
Wilson's Phalarope				1	2	3	3	2					11
Red-necked Phalarope					1								1
Franklin's Gull				1	1	1	2	4	1	3			13
Bonaparte's Gull				1						1			2
Ring-billed Gull	6	7	8	5	3	3	2	5	2	8	8	1	58
California Gull			3	3	2	3	3	3	1	3	2		23
Herring Gull	4	1	4	1				1	1	1	4		17
Glaucous-winged Gull			1										1
Common Tern						1							1
Forster's Tern				1	2	1	2	2					8
Least Tern						1							1
Black Tern						1	1	2					4
Rock Dove	6	8	9	7	5	8	2	5	3	8	7	1	69
Band-tailed Pigeon				1									1
White-winged Dove				1									1
Mourning Dove			1	6	8	9	4	5	4	5	2		44
Yellow-billed Cuckoo					1	2	1						4
Barn Owl					1								1
Eastern Screech-Owl	1	1						1				1	4
Western Screech-Owl				1									1
Great Horned Owl	1	8	4	4	3	2		4	2	3	3		34
Burrowing Owl				4	3	2	1	2					12
Long-eared Owl		1							1				2
Common Nighthawk					2	3	3	2					10
Chimney Swift					1	3		2					6
White-throated Swift					1	3			1				5
Broad-tailed Hummingbird				1	3	5	4	6					19
Rufous Hummingbird							3	4					7
Belted Kingfisher	6	3	5	4	2	5	2	7	2	4	7	1	48
Lewis' Woodpecker						1							1
Red-headed Woodpecker					2	2	1	2					7
Red-bellied Woodpecker					1		1						2
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker			2										2
Red-naped Sapsucker				1		2	4	1	1				9
Williamson's Sapsucker						1	2	2					5
Downy Woodpecker	6	7	6	4	5	6	5	6	3	7	6	1	62
Hairy Woodpecker	2	2		1		3	3	3	2				16

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Three-toed Woodpecker							1						1
Northern Flicker	7	7	9	7	8	8	6	10	4	8	8	1	83
Olive-sided Flycatcher						3	2	3					8
Western Wood-Pewee					5	8	5	9					27
Eastern Wood-Pewee						1							1
Willow Flycatcher							1						1
Least Flycatcher					1		1	2					4
Hammond's Flycatcher						2	1						3
Dusky Flycatcher						2	1	1					4
Cordilleran Flycatcher						4	3	3	1				11
Say's Phoebe			1	1	2		1	1	1				7
Ash-throated Flycatcher					1								1
Great Crested Flycatcher						1							1
Western Kingbird				1	5	7	3	4					20
Eastern Kingbird					5	5	2	4					18
Horned Lark	3	7	2	4	5	3	5	3	1	3	5		41
Tree Swallow			1	3	1	5	3	1					14
Violet-green Swallow				2	3	5	4	4					18
Northern Rough-winged Swallow				2	3	2		2					9
Bank Swallow				1	1	1	2	2					7
Cliff Swallow				2	6	8	4	2					22
Barn Swallow				4	6	9	6	7	3	1			36
Gray Jay				1			3	1		1			6
Steller's Jay		2	1	2		5	2	6	1	1			20
Blue Jay	3	2	4	2	4	4	1	3	3	7	3	1	37
Scrub Jay		2	1	2	2	1			1	1			10
Pinyon Jay										1			1
Clark's Nutcracker		1				2	2	1		1			7
Black-billed Magpie	7	8	9	7	8	8	6	9	4	8	8	1	83
American Crow	6	8	7	7	5	6	3	8	2	6	6	1	65
Chihuahuan Raven						1							1
Common Raven		6	4	4	2	4	4	5	1	1	1		32
Black-capped Chickadee	6	9	7	5	6	7	4	5	3	6	6	1	65
Mountain Chickadee		2	1	2	4	4	6	5		1			25
Plain Titmouse										1			1
Bushtit										1			1
Red-breasted Nuthatch	1	2				3	2	6	1	1		1	17
White-breasted Nuthatch		3	2	2	1	3	3	6	1	2	3	1	27
Pygmy Nuthatch		1		1		4	2	4					12
Brown Creeper	3	3	3	1		2	1			2	4	1	20
Rock Wren			1			2		1	1	2			7
Canyon Wren				1	1	1			1				4
Bewick's Wren			1										1
House Wren				1	8	9	6	8	1				33
Winter Wren	1												1
Marsh Wren	3		2	1	1	1		2		1	1		12
American Dipper	1	2		1		1	1	2		1		1	10
Golden-crowned Kinglet			1								1		2
Ruby-crowned Kinglet			1	1	1	3	3	1	3	3	2	1	19
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher				1	2				1				4
Eastern Bluebird					1			1					2
Western Bluebird			1	1	1	1	1	5					10
Mountain Bluebird		3	3	2	1	4	4	5	1	2			25
Townsend's Solitaire	1	4	2	3		2	1	4	2	1	1		21
Veery					1	1	1						3
Swainson's Thrush					5	3			1	1	1		11
Hermit Thrush					2	3	3	1		2			11
American Robin	6	8	9	7	8	9	7	10	4	7	3	1	79
Gray Catbird					4	3	1	1		1			10
Northern Mockingbird					2	2							4
Sage Thrasher				1					1		1		3
Brown Thrasher					3	3	1	2					9
Curve-billed Thrasher			1										1
American Pipit				1		1	2		1	2			7
Cedar Waxwing	1		1	1	2	1	1	2	1		1		11
Northern Shrike	2	2		3							4		11
Loggerhead Shrike			1		3	1	3	2	1				11
European Starling	7	8	9	7	8	8	5	7	2	8	8	1	78
White-eyed Vireo					1								1

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Bell's Vireo					1		1						2
Solitary Vireo					2	3		2					7
Warbling Vireo					5	8	4	3					20
Red-eyed Vireo						1		1					2
Golden-winged Warbler					1								1
Tennessee Warbler									1	1			2
Orange-crowned Warbler								1	2	2			5
Virginia's Warbler						3							3
Yellow Warbler					6	9	5	3		1			24
Yellow-rumped Warbler				3	4	4	4	5	2	4	3		29
Townsend's Warbler								2					2
American Redstart					1	2		1					4
Ovenbird					1								1
MacGillivray's Warbler					2	3	1	4	1				11
Common Yellowthroat					6	4	2	2		1			15
Wilson's Warbler					2	2	3	4	3				14
Yellow-breasted Chat					3	4	2						9
Western Tanager					3	5	2	4	1				15
Black-headed Grosbeak					5	6	3	1					15
Blue Grosbeak					1	2	2	1					6
Lazuli Bunting					5	4	1	2					12
Indigo Bunting					2	2	1						5
Dickcissel						2	1						3
Green-tailed Towhee	1			1	1	3	3	4	1				14
Rufous-sided Towhee		1	2	3	6	4	1	2	3	1	1		24
Canyon Towhee			1										1
Cassin's Sparrow					1	3							4
American Tree Sparrow	4	6	4							1	4		19
Chipping Sparrow				2	5	2	4	6	1		1		21
Clay-colored Sparrow					2			1					3
Brewer's Sparrow					2			1	1				4
Field Sparrow							1						1
Vesper Sparrow				2	3	2	3	3	2				15
Lark Sparrow					3	2	3	5					13
Lark Bunting					3	2	3	1					9
Savannah Sparrow				1	1	2	3	1					8
Grasshopper Sparrow						1	2		1				4
Fox Sparrow						1	1						2
Song Sparrow	5	5	7	6	4	4	2	2	2	8	8	1	54
Lincoln's Sparrow					2	3	4	1	1		1		12
White-throated Sparrow					1					1	1		3
White-crowned Sparrow	4	1	3	2	5	1	4	1	4	8	6	1	40
Harris' Sparrow										1	3		4
Dark-eyed Junco	7	8	5	4	1	4	4	3	1	6	7	1	51
McCown's Longspur					1	1		1	1				4
Lapland Longspur	1												1
Chestnut-collared Longspur					1	1		1					3
Bobolink						1	1						2
Red-winged Blackbird	6	7	8	6	7	8	5	5	2	8	7	1	70
Western Meadowlark	4	3	7	7	6	8	4	6	2	7	6		60
Yellow-headed Blackbird				4	2	4	3	3		1			17
Rusty Blackbird											1		1
Brewer's Blackbird	1	1		3	3	3	3	3	2	6	1		26
Great-tailed Grackle				1	2	1		1		1			6
Common Grackle		1		7	7	9	4	5	1	5			39
Brown-headed Cowbird				2	7	8	5	1					23
Orchard Oriole					3	3	1						7
Northern Oriole					7	8	2	3					20
Rosy Finch		1					2						3
Pine Grosbeak						2	3						5
Cassin's Finch		1		2		3	3	2		1			12
House Finch	6	8	6	6	4	7	4	9	2	7	6	1	66
Red Crossbill						3	2	3					8
Pine Siskin		1	1	1	3	5	3	5		3	2	1	25
Lesser Goldfinch					1	4	1	3					9
American Goldfinch	4	4	2	3	5	8	2	5	1	6	6		46
Evening Grosbeak				1		1		2		1			5
House Sparrow	7	5	6	5	6	9	6	4	3	7	6	1	65
SPECIES PER MONTH	77	85	89	141	166	185	168	166	109	121	91	44	275

ADDITIONAL JANUARY 1993 REPORTS

Instructions for submitting "Additional reports"

1. Individual "Additional Reports" of interesting sightings made during the month are welcomed. However, the Editor reserves the right to publish only those reports that are deemed as unusual or rare or as augmenting the reports submitted by the leaders of scheduled DFO field trips. For a guide as to the species that are of most interest, see Pages 81 through 84 of the *Lark Bunting*, Volume 27, Number 8 (May 1992).
2. The reports should be submitted in Sixth AOU Checklist order, and include the date(s) of observation, number of birds seen, sex, and plumage, if possible. Also, specific, detailed location (including county) information should be provided. Refer to the *Lark Bunting*, Volume 27, Number 10 (July 1992) for a guide to preparing written documentation to support observation of extremely rare or accidental species as well as for those species that pose difficult field identification problems.
3. Deadline for receipt of all additional reports is the first of the following month. They should be sent to the Editor.

Horned Grebe 1/16 (1) Hamilton Reservoir, Larimer Co. (RS)
 Double-Crested Cormorant 1/11 & 1/13 (1i) South Platte River at 88th Ave., Adams Co. (TC, JR)
 Oldsquaw 1/2 (1) Coors Pond, Jefferson Co. (RS), 1/13 (2m3f) South Platte River at 88th Ave., Adams Co. (KS), 1/28 (1f) Pueblo Reservoir, Pueblo co. (KS)
 Cooper's Hawk 1/23 (1) Near Morrison, Jefferson Co. (BP, VT)
 Northern Goshawk 1/11 (1a) Riverside Reservoir, Weld Co. (JR)
 Red-Tailed Hawk ("Kriders" race) Throughout January (1) 19th & Holly, Adams Co. (JTB), ("Harlan's" race) 1/5 (1d) Fountain Cr. near int. of Hanover and Meridian Rds, El Paso Co. (JR), 1/13 & 1/14 (1id) Chatfield Arboretum, Douglas Co. (AB, EV),
 Merlin 1/13 (1) Colorado Springs, El Paso Co. (BP), 1/21 (1f) Road 7 and Road X, Idalia, Yuma Co. (KS), 1/26 (1) along US 36 east of Cope, Yuma Co. (GH, AH, JR), 1/29 (1) Red Rocks Park, Jefferson Co. (JTB)
Gyr Falcon 1/19 (1) Walden Ponds, Boulder Co. (JTB)R
 Northern Bobwhite 1/11 (10) Muir Springs Park, Morgan Co. (JR)
 Dunlin throughout January (1) Cherry Creek State Park, Arapahoe Co. (JR, JTB, mo)
Inca Dove 1/3 (2) Vineland, Pueblo Co. (BP)S (MJ, JR, RW)
 Eastern Screech-Owl 1/13 (1) Wheat Ridge Greenbelt, Jefferson Co. (TC, JR)
 Long-Eared Owl 1/16 & 1/29 (5 to 7) Rocky Mountain Arsenal, Adams Co. (UK), 1/26 (2) Bonny Reservoir, Yuma Co. (GH, AH, JR)
 Short-Eared Owl 1/26 (1) Bonny Reservoir, Yuma Co. (GH, AH, JR)
 Red-Bellied Woodpecker 1/26 (2) Bonny Reservoir, Yuma Co. (GH, AH, JR)
 Yellow-Bellied Sapsucker 1/1 (1i) 14845 Foothill Road, Golden, Jefferson Co. (CW)
 Marsh Wren 1/31 (1) Chatfield, Douglas Co. (HK)
 Eastern Bluebird 1/26 (4) Bonny Reservoir, Yuma Co. (GH, AH, JR)
 Brown Thrasher 1/16 (1) Olive Marsh, Pueblo Co. (BP)
Long-Billed Thrasher 1/6 and later (1) Chatfield, Douglas Co. (UK)R (HK, mo)
 American Pipit 1/13 (1) South Platte River at 74th Ave., Adams Co. (KS)
 Cedar Waxwing 1/29 (16) 4400 Bow Mar Dr., Arapahoe Co. (TJ), 1/31 (25+) Idaho Springs, Clear Creek Co. (JK)
 Yellow-Rumped Warbler 1/29 (1) Heather Ridge, Aurora, Arapahoe Co. (DB), (Audubon's) 1/6 (1) Greenwood Village, Arapahoe Co. (JTB, GE), 1/24 (1m) 4400 Bow Mar Drive, Littleton, Arapahoe Co. (TJ)
Golden-Crowned Sparrow 1/13 (1a) Red Rocks Park, Jefferson Co. (BP)S
 Lapland Longspur 1/9 (1b) Pueblo West, Pueblo Co. (BP, MJ), 1/21 (80) US 36 from Last Chance to Idalia, Washington and Yuma Cos. (KS), 1/23 (100) Roads 45 and 54 north of Wray, Yuma Co. (KS)
Eastern Meadowlark 1/21 (2) East of Cope on US 36, Yuma Co. (KS)
 Yellow-Headed Blackbird 1/11 (1m) Masters, Weld Co. (JR)
 Rusty Blackbird 1/11 (2m) Orchard, Morgan Co. (JR)
 Brewer's Blackbird 1/15 (2) Georgetown, Clear Creek Co. (DM, MC, KS)
 Common Grackle 1/11 (1m) Orchard, Morgan Co. (JR)
 Brown-Headed Cowbird 1/11 (2f) Masters, Weld Co. (JR)
 Rosy Finch (Gray-Crowned race) 1/31 (150+) West Chicago Creek, Clear Creek Co. (JK)

Abbreviations used: a = adult, d = dark morph, f = female, i = imm., m = male, R = form submitted, S = some details provided

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MARCH DFO FIELD TRIPS

Call the Colorado Bird Report at 279-3076 before going on a field trip to determine if there have been any cancellations or changes in schedules.

TIPS FOR HELPING FIELD TRIP LEADERS

Carpool if possible so the leader will have few cars to keep track of and get parked at stops. Carpooling also saves gasoline and reduces air pollution. Stay reasonably close to the group whether in cars or on foot. **DO NOT LEAVE THE GROUP WITHOUT NOTIFYING THE LEADER.**

TRANSPORTATION COSTS ON FIELD TRIPS

Everyone is expected to share in the mileage expenses on scheduled DFO field trips. The suggested share is 10 cents per mile divided by the number of people in the car including the driver.

March 6, Saturday. Barr Lake State Park. Leader: Jackie King (287-1644). Meet leader at 7:30 AM at east end of north parking lot of Museum of Natural History in City Park, or at 8:30 AM at nature center in park. * •

March 7 Sunday. Wheat Ridge Greenbelt. Leader: Ruth Breckon (455-0970). Meet at 7:30 at Prospect Park Lake south of W. 44th Avenue near Robb Street. 1/2 day trip. \$

March 13, Saturday. Reynolds Park, Platte River, Buffalo, Pine. Leader: Bob Spencer (279-4682). Meet at 7:30 AM east of Pancake House in Bear Valley Shopping Center on east side of S. Sheridan and north of US 285 (Hampden). *

March 14, Sunday. Chatfield State Park. Leader: Mort Staatz (279-6169). Meet at 7:30 AM at west gate of park. 1/2 day trip. \$ •

March 20, Saturday. Pueblo area. Leader: Brandon Percival (719 547-3722). Meet leader at 8:00 AM at K-Mart Caboose, southwest intersection of highways US 50 and I-25. * • Hope to see Curved-Billed Thrasher, Scaled Quail, Canyon Towhee.

March 21, Sunday. Cherry Creek SRA. Leader: Jack Reddall (771-5308). Meet at 6:30 AM at west gate of the SRA, east of Cherry Creek High School - east from Yosemite at Union, south and east to gate. * •

March 27, Saturday. South Platte River Park. Leader: Ed Holub (979-2194). Meet at 7:30 AM at Park and Ride northwest of intersection of South Santa Fe and Mineral. *

March 28, Sunday. Cherokee Ranch and Daniels Gardens. Leader: Ben Moore (989-0269). Meet at 7:30 AM south of Albertson's on northwest corner of South Broadway and County Line Road. *

* = Bring Lunch, • = Park Pass Required, \$ = Lunch Optional

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February 1993 Field Trip Summary

February 6, Saturday (CCR)

Cherry Creek Reservoir State Park. Leader: Kathy Hawkins. Observers: George Armbrust, Gail Evans, Glenn and Jeane Hageman, Helen Hassemer, Joe and Norma Kamby, Jack Reddall, Betsy and Buzz Schaumberg, Karleen Schofield, Joe TenBrink, Carl Wells. (Clear, sunny; Wind SW 0 to 16 kph; -1 to 11°C). 25 km by car, 2.5 km on foot. 0730-1330. (30 species; 627 individuals)

February 7, Sunday (SPC)

Salida, Plum Creek, Castlewood. Leader: Ben Moore. Observers: George Armbrust, Marta Deutman, Jim Norton, Myron and Suzi Plooster, Mike and Mona Price, Elizabeth Mekkelsen, Mort Staatz, Elenor White, Dick Williams. (NR; Wind NW 5 to 8 kph; -6 to 10°C). no distances reported. 0800-1330. (23 species; 182 individuals)

February 13, Saturday (FDR)

Feeders in Littleton, Wolhurst, Deer Creek, and Turkey Creek. Leader: Robert Spencer. Observers: George Armbrust, Marlene Eggerling, Phil Hayes, Mort Staatz. (Clear; Wind SW 8 kph; -4 to 0°C). 64 km by car, 1.2 km on foot. 0745-no end time reported. (39 species, incl. 32 from plains and 19 from foothills; 1130 individuals)

February 14, Sunday (ACF)

Adams County fairgrounds, and stops at 74th and 88th Avenues on the South Platte River and Riverdale Road. Leader: Karleen Schofield. Observers: George Armbrust, Marta Deutman, Marlene Eggerling, Jean and Jim Fredlund, David Laliberte, David Pantle, Suzi and Myron Plooster, Mort Staatz. (Sunny to overcast; Wind N 0 to 14 kph; -5 to 2°C). 84 km by car, 3.2 km on foot. 0800-1500. (44 species; 3403 individuals)

February 20, Saturday (TGP)

Kerr Gulch, North Turkey Creek, West Chicago Creek, and Guanella Pass. Leader: Warren Finch. Observers: Mike and Rose Barber, Marlene Eggerling, Jack and Betty English, Ed Holub, David Pantle, Kim Potter, Dave Rhodes, Joe Roller, Buzz Schaumberg, Karleen Schofield, Dick Schottler, Steve and Ann Segal, Bob Spencer, Dick Williams. (Cloudy and overcast, snow at Chicago Creek, blizzard at Guanella Pass; Wind W 32 to 96 kph; -4 to 6°C). 282 km by car, 1.6 km on foot. 0615-1615. (30 species; 328 individuals)

February 21, Sunday (WGB)

Wheat Ridge Greenbelt and Mount Olivet Cemetery. Leader: David Pantle. Observers: George Armbrust, Sherry Chapman, Marta Deutman, Rick Dorrance, Clint Jones, Betty Minges, Karleen Schofield, Sandy Seltzer, Joe TenBrink, Chuck Walters, Dick Williams, Rachel Yates, Sean Yates. (Clear to broken clouds; Wind W 0 to 16 kph; -1 to 6°C). 3.2 km by car, 3.2 km on foot. 0830-1130. (31 species; 537 individuals)

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February 27, Saturday (CSP)

Leader: Joey Kellner. Observers: George Armbrust, Sherry Chapman, Toni Chapman, Gail Evans, Glenn Hageman, Helen Hassemer, Larry Malone, Betty Marsland, Dana Price, Mike Price, Mona Price, Jack Reddall, Karleen Schofield, Mary Washburne, Dick Williams. (Hazy then clear; Calm; -6 to 10°C). 40 km by car, 2.4 km on foot. 0810-1430. (41 species; 586 individuals)

February 28, Sunday (HMR)

Hamilton Reservoir and the Fort Collins area. Leaders: John Barber, Alex Cringan, Dave Leatherman, and Ron Ryder. Observers: George Armbrust, Ursula Barsch, John Decker, Suzanne DeMasse, Mindy Hetrick, Ron Huston, Ed King, Larry Malone, Amy McMullen, Cynthia Melcher, Bill Miller, Sue Miller, Marty Morgan, Russ Morgan, Eric Petterson, Myron Plooster, Suzi Plooster, Aines Rau, Karleen Schofield, Bob Spencer, Mort Staatz, Patty Stevens, Barb Turnbull, Mike Turnbull, Douglas Turner. (Clear, sunny; Wind NE-S 1.6 to 8 kph; -4 to 9°C). 80 km by car, 0.8 km on foot. 0700-1500. (55 species; 7,236 individuals)

Tuesday Birders Trips

(Compiled by Monna Krebs)

February 2. South Platte River at 88th Avenue (SPR)
Leader: Ann Bonnell. 26 observers. (Partly sunny; calm; -1 to 4°C). 16 km by car, 3.2 km on foot. 0900-1200. (30 species; 1,225 individuals)

February 9. South Platte at 88th Avenue to northern border of Adams County, Adams County fairgrounds (PRA)
Leader: Ann Bonnell. 33 observers. (Partly sunny; calm; 0 to 9°C). 32 km by car, 0.4 km on foot. 0900-1230. (30 species; 1,523 individuals)

February 23. Rocky Mountain Arsenal. (RMA) Leader: Ann Bonnell. (Sunny to partly sunny; Wind N 13 to 32 kph; 2 to 4°C). 27 km by bus. 1330-1530. (20 species; 861 individuals)

Independent trips

February 8. Denver to Walsenburg, Pueblo, Olive Marsh, Runyon SWA, and en route. (DWP) Observers: Glenn Hageman, Alan Hay, Jack Reddall. (Mostly cloudy to occasionally partly cloudy; Wind SE 0 to 16 kph; -4 to 5°C). 572 km by car, 3.2 km on foot. 0500-1830. (62 species; 4,820 individuals)

February 20. Pueblo area. (PBA) Observers: Lindsay Lilly, Brandon Percival. (Mostly clear; Wind V 0 to 64 kph; -1 to 15°C). 507 km by car, 4.8 km on foot. 0300-1830. (75 species; 3,627 individuals)

FEBRUARY HIGHLIGHTS

A total of 91 avian species was reported from eight scheduled field trips in February. Of the species seen by the Tuesday Birders and on independent trips, 29 were seen on no DFO trip, making a total of 120 species, shown on Table 1 (Pages 58-60). In addition, 12 species were reported as additional sightings, and not reported on any DFO trip.

Correction: In last month's Lark Bunting, an incorrect bird was reported for the January 9th field trip to Barr Lake. The 48 sparrows reported as White-throated were actually White-crowned. Apologies for any trouble this may have caused.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The last date the Long-billed Thrasher was reported was February 13th by Hugh and Urling Kingery. Anyone who saw the bird after the 13th is asked to please call Hugh at 333-0161 with details of the observation. It is hoped that the recent cold weather spurred the bird to move south.

April is the month when Greater Prairie-Chickens carry out their courtship dances. The following information about how to see them was obtained by Jackie King. Trips to see the birds perform on their leks takes part of two days: the first day driving to Wray in the afternoon, and the following day getting up very early to see the Prairie-Chickens perform at daylight. These trips are run by the Colorado Division of Wildlife and are scheduled for the following pairs of days in April: 13 & 14, 16 & 17, 17 & 18, 23 & 24, and 24 & 25. If interested, one can register to go by sending \$10.00 to :

Watchable Wildlife Events
Colorado Division of Wildlife
317 West Prospect
Fort Collins, CO 80526

It is advisable to call first for further information at this number: Bud Schmidt at 1-484-2836 (Fort Collins).

On May 10th and 17th from 6:30 to 8:30 PM, there will be a class entitled "Bird Nesting/Courtship Behaviors of Colorado and Other North American Birds" offered through the Denver Botanic Gardens. Our own Tina Jones (794-2647) will be the instructor. The behavior of Colorado birds will be emphasized, but colonial and seabird nesting will also be discussed. Call 370-8019 to register. A fee is required.

From May 7 through May 9, the first annual Kachemak Bay Shorebird Festival will be held in Homer, Alaska, centering around the annual shorebird migration. There will be exhibits, bay cruises, an arts fair, helicopter rides to the glacier, habitat presentations, bird identification assistance, wildlife tours, beach walks, storytellings, photography workshops, spotting stations, a mother's day breakfast, gallery tours, children's art activities, marine birding, and all the charm of Homer. This event is sponsored by the Homer Chamber of Commerce and the US Fish and Wildlife Service. For more information, call 235-7740. It is my guess that this number would be in the 907 area code, although it was not included in what I was sent.

If this issue arrived late, it may be due to certain new postal regulations, which require our mailer to conform to newly-revised, but still arcane, postal regulations.

DFO MEMBERSHIP LIST

The last nine pages of this issue are the latest DFO membership list, suitable for detaching. The pages are numbered separately from the usual *Lark Bunting* sequence, so as to avoid confusion when detached.

Table 1 (Pages 58 through 60) includes the data collected in February on the eight scheduled DFO field trips, three Tuesday Birders field trips, and two independent trips taken by DFO members. Two of the field trips are further broken down as to habitats/areas visited, the feeder trip is divided into species seen on the plains and those seen in the foothills, and the Chatfield trip is divided into those seen in the park, and those seen in surrounding areas. Also included in Table 1 are the results of the 1992 Denver (urban) Christmas Bird Count, compiled and submitted by Hugh Kingery.

Abbreviations used in this table: a = adult, d = dark phase, f = female, h = heard only, i = immature, m = male

DATE AREA COVERED Area Breakdown, as applicable	Scheduled DFO Trips										Tues. Birders			Ind. Trips		Xmas	
	6 CCR	7 SPC	13 FDR P	13 FDR FH	14 ACF	20 TGP	21 WGB	27 CSP C	27 CSP S	28 HMR	2 SPR	9 PRA	23 RMA	8 DWP	20 PBA	1/1 URB	DATE AREA COVERED Area Breakdown, as applicable
Pied-billed Grebe					6					7				6	16	4	Pied-billed Grebe
Horned Grebe										5							Horned Grebe
Clark's Grebe															1		Clark's Grebe
American White Pelican																1	American White Pelican
Double-crested Cormorant					2i						1	1					Double-crested Cormorant
Great Blue Heron											1			1		7	Great Blue Heron
Snow Goose																1	Snow Goose
Ross' Goose										1							Ross' Goose
Canada Goose	242	30	550		650		60	90	50	4000	75	100	470	1500	222	8286	Canada Goose
Wood Duck			12				3							50	22	49	Wood Duck
Green-winged Teal	72				156		6	18		20	35	12	4	25	105	400	Green-winged Teal
Mallard	12		100		130		242	20	23	1300	40	6	25	350	195	1627	Mallard
Northern Pintail		1			202			3	1	45	80	25	65	20	202	122	Northern Pintail
Blue-winged Teal											6						Blue-winged Teal
Cinnamon Teal			1							1			1				Cinnamon Teal
Northern Shoveler					885		6			70	120	75				1529	Northern Shoveler
Gadwall			9		285		7	8	20	60	125	54	1m1f	15	23	502	Gadwall
American Wigeon			3		90		22		2	25				50	119	441	American Wigeon
Canvasback					3					13					10	5	Canvasback
Redhead			3				1		3	300					5	46	Redhead
Ring-necked Duck			30		145		5			2	120	25	10	100	65	389	Ring-necked Duck
Greater Scaup							1								1m		Greater Scaup
Lesser Scaup					17		18			400	5				56	1	Lesser Scaup
Oldsquaw					1					2	2						Oldsquaw
White-winged Scoter										2							White-winged Scoter
Common Goldeneye		1	26		113		7	6	25	20	150	44		90	72	261	Common Goldeneye
Barrow's Goldeneye														1m	1m		Barrow's Goldeneye
Bufflehead					19				2	75	4	1		5	32	27	Bufflehead
Hooded Merganser					12		3		3	3				3m3f	1m3f	25	Hooded Merganser
Common Merganser			1		48	4	1	30	20	15				600	127	72	Common Merganser
Red-breasted Merganser							1							3m	1f	5	Red-breasted Merganser
Ruddy Duck					2					74	2	2					Ruddy Duck
Unidentified duck																2	Unidentified duck
Bald Eagle	1a				1a					2	5	5		3a2i	25	18	Bald Eagle
Northern Harrier										1					2	3	Northern Harrier
Sharp-shinned Hawk							1	1				1				13	Sharp-shinned Hawk
Cooper's Hawk								2								1	Cooper's Hawk
Northern Goshawk																	Northern Goshawk
Accipiter species																1	Accipiter species
Red-tailed Hawk	6		1		7	2		3		1	3	5	5	35	14	28	Red-tailed Hawk
western races	5&1d		1			2		3						35			western races
"Kriger's" race													1				"Kriger's" race
Ferruginous Hawk	2				5				2	1	2	11	1	1	2	35	Ferruginous Hawk
Rough-legged Hawk					5					4			1			8	Rough-legged Hawk
Buteo species															1	2	Buteo species
Golden Eagle								1		3	2						Golden Eagle
Unidentified eagle					2i												Unidentified eagle

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American Kestrel	4				5	2		1	1	5	2	2		4	3		27	American Kestrel
Merlin															1		2	Merlin
Prairie Falcon														3	1		2	Prairie Falcon
<i>Falco</i> species												1						<i>Falco</i> species
Ring-necked Pheasant	1														1m		27	Ring-necked Pheasant
Blue Grouse						2												Blue Grouse
Wild Turkey						40												Wild Turkey
Scaled Quail															15			Scaled Quail
Virginia Rail	3h														1		3	Virginia Rail
American Coot	1		2		31		30		43	350	65	13	2	65	42		9	American Coot
Killdeer	6				11					2				2			26	Killdeer
Dunlin	2																1	Dunlin
Common Snipe								1									4	Common Snipe
Ring-billed Gull	2	15	15		98	20	38	6	3	48	300	175		350	127		855	Ring-billed Gull
California Gull											1							California Gull
Glaucous Gull																	1	Glaucous Gull
Herring Gull	7	1			14			3	2	3			1	15	3		65	Herring Gull
Thayer's Gull																	1	Thayer's Gull
Unidentified gull																	12	Unidentified gull
Rock Dove	11	10	51	11	47	5	4	8	20	80	4	350	34	4	30		2424	Rock Dove
Mourning Dove															1		16	Mourning Dove
Eastern Screech-Owl										1							1	Eastern Screech-Owl
Great-Horned Owl	3							1	2								10	Great-Horned Owl
Long-eared Owl													8				7	Long-eared Owl
Belted Kingfisher	1	1	1		1			3			1	1		1f			15	Belted Kingfisher
Red-bellied Woodpecker															1m			Red-bellied Woodpecker
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker										1a								Yellow-bellied Sapsucker
Williamson's Sapsucker														1m				Williamson's Sapsucker
Ladder-backed Woodpecker															1m			Ladder-backed Woodpecker
Downy Woodpecker			4	2	5		3	2	1	1				3			47	Downy Woodpecker
eastern races			1							1				3				eastern races
Hairy Woodpecker				1		2											2	Hairy Woodpecker
"Rocky Mountain" race						2												"Rocky Mountain" race
Northern Flicker	4	2	7		4		6	10	1	2			1	20	6		213	Northern Flicker
"Red-shafted" race	4	2					6			2				20	6			"Red-shafted" race
Horned Lark					50					100				1	52		369	Horned Lark
Steller's Jay				6		15									10			Steller's Jay
Blue Jay		4	7	1						1					1		39	Blue Jay
Scrub Jay		10		2										7	4			Scrub Jay
Clark's Nutcracker						6												Clark's Nutcracker
Black-billed Magpie	29	14	7	3	29	5	9	9	3	1	20	25	21	60	34		1196	Black-billed Magpie
American Crow		9	1	12	1	115	8	8	10	25		1		130	7		426	American Crow
Common Raven		2				10		7						18	20		1	Common Raven
Black-capped Chickadee	3	4	3	17	7	1		26	3	3				8	21		185	Black-capped Chickadee
Mountain Chickadee		2		10		20								3	20			Mountain Chickadee
Plain Titmouse														3				Plain Titmouse
Bushtit														40				Bushtit
Red-breasted Nuthatch			1	4		10				2					1		30	Red-breasted Nuthatch
White-breasted Nuthatch				2										2	2			White-breasted Nuthatch

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Pygmy Nuthatch				7		25				3					5	15	Pygmy Nuthatch
Brown Creeper				1		2								1			Brown Creeper
Canyon Wren						2											Canyon Wren
Bewick's Wren														1			Bewick's Wren
Winter Wren														1			Winter Wren
Marsh Wren	2															1	Marsh Wren
American Dipper		4				2			1								American Dipper
Golden-crowned Kinglet						4				1						7	Golden-crowned Kinglet
Ruby-crowned Kinglet			1				1									1	Ruby-crowned Kinglet
Western Bluebird															14		Western Bluebird
Mountain Bluebird														120	469		Mountain Bluebird
Townsend's Solitaire		2				5		2		2				25	3	3	Townsend's Solitaire
American Robin		2	11			2		3		1				300	230	243	American Robin
American Pipit																1	American Pipit
Northern Mockingbird															1		Northern Mockingbird
Sage Thrasher														2	5		Sage Thrasher
Curve-billed Thrasher															1		Curve-billed Thrasher
Cedar Waxwing			20													20	Cedar Waxwing
Northern Shrike	1					1		1						1		2	Northern Shrike
Loggerhead Shrike														1	1		Loggerhead Shrike
European Starling	14	15	34		145		15	12	30	60	35	300	200	475	326	5656	European Starling
Yellow-rumped Warbler														1			Yellow-rumped Warbler
"Audubon's" race														1			"Audubon's" race
Rufous-sided Towhee		2	1	1										1m	6	1	Rufous-sided Towhee
Canyon Towhee															1		Canyon Towhee
American Tree Sparrow	8				6			2		1		1			1	159	American Tree Sparrow
Song Sparrow	7				11			13						9	3	86	Song Sparrow
White-throated Sparrow															1		White-throated Sparrow
White-crowned Sparrow					1		1							2	30	133	White-crowned Sparrow
Dark-eyed Junco	28	14	8	12	15	1	4		3	2				100	25	779	Dark-eyed Junco
"Slate-colored" race	1	4	5	2	4		1								1		"Slate-colored" race
"Oregon" race		3	2	6	3		3							100	16		"Oregon" race
"Pink-sided" race	27			1	8				3	2					8		"Pink-sided" race
"Gray-headed" race		2	1	3													"Gray-headed" race
Red-winged Blackbird	138				89		3	2	1	50	15	260		120	222	360	Red-winged Blackbird
Western Meadowlark	1				1						2	9		1	9	23	Western Meadowlark
Brewer's Blackbird					9											31	Brewer's Blackbird
Common Grackle																1	Common Grackle
Brown-headed Cowbird															1f		Brown-headed Cowbird
Purple Finch															1		Purple Finch
Cassin's Finch						2									2m3f	1	Cassin's Finch
House Finch	10	22	28	4		5	20	7		4	2	1		25	86	2262	House Finch
Red Crossbill						1										24	Red Crossbill
Pine Siskin				66		2		5		4				5	45	36	Pine Siskin
American Goldfinch	6		1	2	3		5							4		36	American Goldfinch
Evening Grosbeak															10		Evening Grosbeak
House Sparrow		15	26		34	15	6			31		15		20	45	2034	House Sparrow
TOTAL SPECIES	30	23	32	19	44	30	31	33	26	55	30	30	20	62	75		TOTAL SPECIES
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	627	182	966	164	3403	328	537	311	275	7236	1225	1523	861	4820	3627		TOTAL INDIVIDUALS

ADDITIONAL FEBRUARY 1993 REPORTS

Instructions for submitting "Additional reports"

1. Individual "Additional Reports" of interesting sightings made during the month are welcomed. However, the Editor reserves the right to publish only those reports that are deemed as unusual or rare or as augmenting the reports submitted by the leaders of scheduled DFO field trips. For a guide as to the species that are of most interest, see Pages 81 through 84 of the *Lark Bunting*, Volume 27, Number 8 (May 1992).
2. The reports should be submitted in Sixth AOU Checklist order, and include the date(s) of observation, number of birds seen, sex, and plumage, if possible. Also, specific, detailed location (including county) information should be provided. Refer to the *Lark Bunting*, Volume 27, Number 10 (July 1992) for a guide to preparing written documentation to support observation of extremely rare or accidental species as well as for those species that pose difficult field identification problems.
3. Deadline for receipt of all additional reports is the fifth of the following month. They should be sent to the Editor.

Horned Grebe 2/14 & 2/15 (4) Pueblo Reservoir, Pueblo Co. (BP, MJ)

Black-Crowned Night-Heron 2/7 (1a) South Platte River at 74th Avenue, Adams Co. (KS)

Trumpeter Swan 2/28 (2a, 2i) Lake Henry, Crowley Co. (BP)F (LL, MJ)

Cinnamon Teal 2/7 (1m) South Platte River at 74th Avenue, Adams Co. (KS)

2/13 (1m) Cherry Creek, Arapahoe Co. (NE)

2/13 (1m) Adams County Regional Park/South Platte, Adams Co. (KS)

2/27 (1m, 1f) Lake Meredith, Crowley Co. (BP, DS)

Greater Scaup 2/10 (1f) Vineland, Pueblo Co. (BP, PS, CS)

2/14 (4m, 3f) Valco Ponds, Pueblo Co. (BP, MJ)

Oldsquaw 2/14 (1f) Pueblo Reservoir, Pueblo Co. (BP, MJ)

Barrow's Goldeneye 2/15 (1m) Valco Ponds, Pueblo Co. (BP, DJ)

Northern Goshawk 2/9 (1a) North Bow Mar, Jefferson Co. (TJ)

Merlin 2/23 (1f or i) 4400 Bow Mar Drive, Jefferson Co. (TJ)

2/28 (1) 835 Harmony Drive, Pueblo West, Pueblo Co. (BP, MJ)

Scaled Quail 2/19 (15) north of Fowler, Crowley Co. (DB)

Sandhill Crane 2/27 (111) Near Rocky Ford, Otero Co. (BP, mo)

California Gull 2/23 (1a) Baseline Road, Boulder Co. (DN, KS)

Lesser Black-backed Gull 2/27 & 2/28 (1a, winter plumage) Lake Henry, Crowley Co. (BP)F (DS, LL, mo)

Inca Dove 2/16 (1) Vineland, Pueblo Co. (BP)F

Western Screech-Owl 2/7 (1) Fountain Creek Regional Park, Pueblo Co. (BP, MJ)

Red-headed Woodpecker 2/7 & 2/15 (1a) Fountain Creek Regional Park, El Paso Co. (BP, MJ)

Pinyon Jay 2/7 (10) Pueblo West, Pueblo Co. (BP, MJ)

Plain Titmouse 2/7 (1) Pueblo West, Pueblo Co. (BP, MJ)

Rock Wren 2/15 (1) Valco Ponds, Pueblo Co. (BP)

Curve-billed Thrasher 2/28 (5) Apishapa SWA, Las Animas Co. (DB)

Yellow-Rumped Warbler 2/13 (1f) Arvada, Jefferson Co. (NE)

2/15 (1) Valco Ponds, Pueblo Co. (BP)

Swamp Sparrow 2/13 & 2/15 (1) Valco Ponds, Pueblo Co. (BP)

Dark-eyed Junco, "White-winged" race 2/23 (3) Summit, Flagstaff Mountain, Boulder Co. (KS)

Yellow-headed Blackbird 2/19 (2m) Riverdale Road and Bellaire Street, Adams Co. (KS)

Purple Finch 2/20 (1f) Red Creek Road, Pueblo Co. (BP)F

Abbreviations used: a = adult, f = female, i = imm., m = male, F = form submitted

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APRIL DFO FIELD TRIPS

Call the Colorado Bird Report at 279-3076 before going on a field trip to determine if there have been any cancellations or changes in schedules.

TIPS FOR HELPING FIELD TRIP LEADERS

Carpool if possible so the leader will have few cars to keep track of and get parked at stops. Carpooling also saves gasoline and reduces air pollution. Stay reasonably close to the group whether in cars or on foot. **DO NOT LEAVE THE GROUP WITHOUT NOTIFYING THE LEADER.**

TRANSPORTATION COSTS ON FIELD TRIPS

Everyone is expected to share in the mileage expenses on scheduled DFO field trips. The suggested share is 10 cents per mile divided by the number of people in the car including the driver.

April 3, Saturday. Rocky Mountain Arsenal. Leader: Ed Holub (979-2194). Meet at west gate of arsenal on Quebec Street and 72nd Avenue. Space limited. Must register with leader in advance. *

April 4, Sunday. Cherry Creek SRA. Leader: Steve Stachowiak (750-3422). Meet at 0700 at west gate of the SRA, east of Cherry Creek High School. Go east from Yosemite on Union, then south and east to gate. + •

April 10, Saturday. Chatfield SRA. Leader: Robert Fleming (279-8122). Meet at 0800 at the Park and Ride on the west side of S. Wadsworth south of US 285 (Hampden).\$ •

April 11, Sunday. Bear Creek, plains to mountains. Leader: Cal Wichern (693-3718). Meet at 0800 east of the pancake house in Bear Valley Shopping Center on S. Sheridan just north of Hampden. *

April 17, Saturday. Barr Lake SRA. Leaders: Marilyn and Lee Rowe (659-8069). Carpool at 0715 at east end of north parking lot of Museum of Natural History in City Park. Meet leaders at 0800 at nature center in park. \$ •

April 18, Sunday. Lakes and trails from Wheat Ridge to Golden. Leader: Diana Mullineaux (278-7245). Meet at 0730 at Prospect Park Lake south of W. 44th Avenue near Robb Street. \$

April 24, Saturday. Northeast Colorado -- Muir Springs, Bijou, and Jackson Reservoirs. Leader: Kathy Hawkins (757-0809). Meet at 0600 at east end of north parking lot of Museum of Natural History in City Park. *

April 25, Sunday. White Ranch Open Space Park. Leader: Randy Lentz (777-7101). Meet at 0600 at Park and Ride on Ward Road just north of I-70. Displaying Blue Grouse possible. Uphill hike. \$

* = Bring Lunch, • = Park Pass Required,
+ = Half-Day Trip, \$ = Lunch Optional

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REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING ON THE FIRST WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER THROUGH MAY, EXCEPT FOR DECEMBER, AT 7:30 PM, DENVER MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY, RICKETSON AUDITORIUM

NEXT MEETING, WEDNESDAY, MAY 5, 1993

PROGRAM: "Management and Protection Needs of Neotropical Migrant Birds"
by Dick Roth

***** COLORADO BIRD REPORT -- 279-3076 *****

March 1993 Field Trip Summary

March 6, Saturday (BLP)

Barr Lake SP, 88th Avenue and Platte River.
Leader: Jackie King. Observers: George Armbrust, Sherry Chapman, Neva Cohn, Rick Dorbance, Carol and Ellen Drew, Helen Hassemmer, Drew Hager, David Laliberte, Colleen Marly, Chet Thompson. (Cloudy, then clearing; Wind N, gusting to 48 kph; 3 to 9°C). 113 km by car, 1.6 km on foot. 0730-1430. (39 species; 1,093 individuals)

March 7, Sunday (WGB)

Wheat Ridge Greenbelt. Leader: Ruth Breckon. Observers: Sherry Chapman, Joe and Norma Kamby, David Laliberts, Betty Marsland, Hazel McCluggage, Mort Staatz, Amy Young. (Partly Cloudy; Wind NW 0 to 16 kph; 1 to 18°C). 0 km by car, 4 km on foot. 0730-1230. (38 species; 341 individuals)

March 13, Saturday (RPB)

Reynolds Park, Platte River, Buffalo and Pine. Leader: Bob Spencer. Observers: Ruth Bull, Sherry Chapman, Gail Evans, Clint Jones, Bob Montgomery, Jack Reddall, Chuck Walters, Amy Young. (Overcast; Wind NW 8 kph; -7 to 6°C). 32 km by car, 2.4 km on foot. 0800-1500. (28 species, 267 individuals)

March 14, Sunday (CSP)

Chatfield State Park. Leader: Mort Staatz. Observers: Kitty Albee, George Armbrust, Sherry Chapman, Claudia Hruby, Karleen Schofield. (Partly cloudy; Wind N 0 to 4.8 kph; -3 to 13°C). 24 km by car, 4.8 km on foot. 0730-1400. (31 species; 420 individuals)

March 20, Saturday (PBA)

Pueblo area. Leader: Brandon Percival. Observers: George Armbrust, Mike and Rose Barber, Toni Brevillier, Leon Bright, Bob Dickson, Marlene Eggerling, Warren Finch, Walt Hackney, Mark Janos, Dave Johnson, Larry Malone, Peter Mulholland, Diana Mullineaux, Myron and Suzi Plooster, Ira Sanders, Karleen Schofield, Dick Schottler, Dave Silverman, Bob Spencer, Jolan Truan, Van Truan, Sylvia Wheelock, Emilie and Ralph Wiersma. (Partly sunny to overcast; Wind variable 0 to 24 kph; 0 to 12°C). 121 km by car, 3.2 km on foot. 0800-1630. (71 species; 2,470 individuals).

March 21, Sunday (CCR)

Cherry Creek State Park. Leader: Jack Reddall. Observers: Kitty Albee, Sherry Chapman, Patty Echelmeyer, Gail Erwin, Jim and Barbara Fay, Howard Frisch, Lucy Frisch, Deana Hruby, Pearl Jordan, Joe and Norma Kamby, Margie Mills, Bob Montgomery, Tom and Helen Singer, Norm and Ginny Torrey, Dick Williams. (Partly cloudy; Wind NE 0 to 32 kph; 0 to 13°C). 50 km by car, 4.8 km on foot. 0630-1600. (47 species; 1036 individuals).

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The Denver Field Ornithologists was organized as the Colorado Bird Club in 1935, and membership is open to anyone interested in the birds of the Denver area in particular, and the birds of Colorado in general. The organization presents monthly evening programs (except in the summer) and conducts about 100 field trips annually.

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Members who fail to receive the *Lark Bunting* by the 25th of the month should contact the Editor (telephone 673-0943), as he usually has extra copies. Those who fail to receive the *Lark Bunting* for two or more consecutive months should contact the Treasurer in writing.

Notices or announcements of classes, lectures, special field trips, etc. relating to birds that are intended for inclusion in the *Lark Bunting* should be received in the mail by the Editor no later than the 5th of the month of issue. The Editor reserves the right to accept or refuse and to edit the announcement(s).

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March 27, Saturday (SPM)

South Platte River Park and McClellan Reservoir.
Leader: Ed Holub. Observers: George Armbrust,
Sherry Chapman, Carol Drew, Pearl Jordan, Pete
Mulholland, Watne Tillay, Amy Young. (Cloudy;
Wind S to E, 8 to 32 kph; 9 to 15°C). 5.6 km by
car, 8 km on foot. 0730-1430. (42 species,
676 individuals).

March 28, Sunday

Cherokee Ranch and Daniels Gardens
No Report

Tuesday Birders Trips

(Compiled by Monna Krebs)

March 2. Middle Urban South Platte - Belleview to Ruby
Hill Park (SBV) Leader: Ann Bonnell. 24 observers.
(Partly sunny; Wind NE 19 to 35 kph; 8 to 12°C).
16 km by car, 1.6 km on foot. 0900-1200.
(31 species; 353 individuals)

March 9. Guanella Pass and Georgetown (GPG) Leader:
Ann Bonnell. 27 observers. (Sunny; Wind W 19 to 64 kph;
-1 to 5°C). 48 km by car, 0.8 km on foot. 1030-1200.
(13 species; 33 individuals)

March 16. Jeffco Conference & Nature Center - Lookout
Mountain, Stapleton & Genesee Mountain Parks. (JSG)
Leader: Ann Bonnell. 23 observers. (Mostly cloudy; Wind N
16 to 32 kph; 6 to 10°C). 11 km by car, 1.6 km on foot.
0900-1200. (19 species; 176 individuals)

March 23. Mount Falcon Park. (MFP) Leader: Ann
Bonnell. 27 observers. (Sunny; Wind N 0 to 13 kph;
10 to 21°C). 0 km by car, 4 km on foot. 0900-1200.
(20 species; 241 individuals)

March 30. Chatfield Arboretum. (CHT) Leader: Ann
Bonnell. 12 observers. (Cloudy, light rain; Wind N to NE
4.8 to 13 kph; no temp reported). 0 km by car, 2.4 km
on foot. 0900-1400. (27 species; 291 individuals)

MARCH HIGHLIGHTS

A total of 98 species was reported from seven of the eight scheduled field trips in March. Of the species seen by the Tuesday Birders, 6 were seen on no DFO trip, making a total of 104 species shown on Table 1 (Pages 66-67). In addition, 33 species were reported as additional sightings, and not reported on any DFO trip.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

On May 29, 30, and 31, the Colorado Field Ornithologists will hold their 31st annual convention in Craig. The featured speaker will be Dr. Clait Braum, who will present "Colorado's Grouse: All you ever wanted to know and were afraid to ask" at the Saturday evening meeting. Target species for the field trips include Sharp-tailed and Sage Grouse, Sandhill Crane, Boreal Owl, and Bufflehead. There will also be a spring celebration in Craig that weekend, so hotel space is sure to be limited. The convention programs are being held at the Holiday Inn. For details on how to register, or for more information, call Mona Hill at 494-8135.

DFO nominations have been received from the nominating committee for the DFO year 1993-1994 and are as follows:

President: Joey Kellner
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Diana Mullineaux (1996)
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Saturday, May 8th, 1993 will be the **Migratory Bird Day Celebration** at the Rocky Mountain Arsenal, 72nd and Quebec. Activities will be held from 0800 to 1400, and will include guided bird walks, bird netting and banding, guest speakers, and children's activities. For more information, call 289-0232.

May is the Denver Audubon Society's Birdathon month. This event helps support local projects, and at the same time offers the fun of birding. Prizes are awarded to the birders who collect the most pledges, see the most species, or visit the most unusual birding spot. Participants can pick any 24-hour

period between May 1 and May 23, to spot as many birds as they can. If you are interested in participating, call Aleta at the DAS office (696-0877, 9-4 wkdays).

On the first Sunday in May, people from Ankara to Zanzibar flock together to enjoy the chorus of bird song at sunrise. The Colorado Urban Wildlife Partnership invites DFO members to join other Coloradans to become the first Americans to participate in International Dawn Chorus Day on May 2nd. Programs at eight group sites throughout the Front Range have been set up, and will be given rain or shine. If you cannot attend a group site, simply open your bedroom window, and enjoy your own dawn chorus. For further information, please contact Aleta at the DAS office (696-0877, 9-4 weekdays).

MARCH HIGHLIGHTS

March brought some late ducks in, including Ruddy Duck, and the first Blue-winged and Cinnamon Teal. Horned Grebes were also seen on a couple of field trips in March. The Pueblo area trip reported the usual specialties of the area, including Scaled Quail, Bewick's Wren, Sage and Curve-billed Thrashers, and Canyon Towhee. Also seen were a Great Black-backed Gull, a female Oldsquaw sitting on tires at the marina, 2 Merlins (one eating a Junco), and 400 Redheads.

The trip to Reynolds Park, etc. on the 13th brought several Pine Grosbeaks, and the only Northern Mockingbird reported for the month, as well as 15 Townsend's Solitaires and 4 American Dippers. The trip to Barr Lake on the 6th garnered a Northern Shrike. The six people who went to Chatfield on March 14th got to see a Great Horned Owl, and 65 Mountain Bluebirds, as well as 13 Northern Flickers.

The folks on the trip on the 21st to Cherry Creek saw a 3 Great Horned Owls, one on the nest, and also an immature Glaucous Gull. The first swallows reported on a field trip this year were both Tree and Violet-Green, seen on the South Platte and McClellan Reservoir trip on the 27th.

Highlights for the Tuesday birders include "Gray-crowned" Rosy Finch and Cassin's Finch on the 9th; Black-crowned Night-Heron, Brown Creeper, and Cooper's Hawk on the 2nd; and Golden Eagle, Cooper's Hawk, and 50 Pine Siskins on the 23rd.

Table 1 includes the data collected in March on seven of the eight scheduled DFO field trips, and five Tuesday Birders field trips taken by DFO members. The first of the field trips is further broken down into the two habitats/areas visited, Barr Lake and the Platte River at 88th Avenue, respectively.

Abbreviations used in this table: a = adult, d = dark phase, f = female, h = heard only, i = immature, m = male

Scheduled DFO Trips									Tues. Birders					DATE AREA COVERED Area Breakdown
DATE	6 BLP BAR	6 BLP 88th	7 WGB	13 RPB	14 CSP	20 PBA	21 CCR	27 SPM	2 SBV	9 GPG	16 JSG	23 MFP	30 CHT	
Pied-billed Grebe		2				1			1					Pied-billed Grebe
Horned Grebe						2		6						Horned Grebe
Double-cr. Cormorant							1	5						Double-cr. Cormorant
Great Blue Heron					11	1	1	4	1				3	Great Blue Heron
Black-cr. Night-Heron									1					Black-cr. Night-Heron
Canada Goose	60		35		35	60	40	20	32				5	Canada Goose
Wood Duck			2			32		10						Wood Duck
Green-winged Teal		20	14		6	20	90	12	5				6	Green-winged Teal
Mallard	42		48		25	22	50	35	45				16	Mallard
Northern Pintail	10	65			12	4	1m							Northern Pintail
Blue-winged Teal						1m								Blue-winged Teal
Cinnamon Teal		1			5	2m1f	1m1f						3	Cinnamon Teal
Northern Shoveler		150	14			40	6		60				6	Northern Shoveler
Gadwall		25	10		3	14	50	25	44					Gadwall
American Wigeon		10	25			70	10	3	7					American Wigeon
Canvasback						20								Canvasback
Redhead			1		85	400	4	20	2				4	Redhead
Ring-necked Duck			1		3	12	3m	12						Ring-necked Duck
Lesser Scaup		1	18			130	15	1						Lesser Scaup
Oldsquaw						1f								Oldsquaw
Common Goldeneye		50	25		5	1f	10	22	1					Common Goldeneye
Bufflehead		4	7		1	30	2m1f	20					4	Bufflehead
Hooded Merganser								2	7					Hooded Merganser
Common Merganser			1		3	2f	1m	40					12	Common Merganser
Red-br. Merganser			3											Red-br. Merganser
Ruddy Duck		2	1											Ruddy Duck
Bald Eagle	2i					2i1a	1a							Bald Eagle
Northern Harrier	3					3m1f	2m3f							Northern Harrier
Sharp-shinned Hawk						1								Sharp-shinned Hawk
Cooper's Hawk						1			1			1		Cooper's Hawk
Red-tailed Hawk	1				4	5	1	1			2			Red-tailed Hawk
western races				2		1								western races
Ferruginous Hawk	2													Ferruginous Hawk
Rough-legged Hawk	1													Rough-legged Hawk
Buteo species													1	Buteo species
Golden Eagle				2		2						2		Golden Eagle
American Kestrel	3			1		8	1	1	2			1	3	American Kestrel
Merlin						2								Merlin
Prairie Falcon						1			1					Prairie Falcon
Ring-necked Pheasant						1m								Ring-necked Pheasant
Scaled Quail						30								Scaled Quail
Virginia Rail							3							Virginia Rail
American Coot		20	16			120	10	40	4					American Coot
Killdeer						6	3	12					1	Killdeer
Greater Yellowlegs							1						2	Greater Yellowlegs
Common Snipe													2	Common Snipe
Ring-billed Gull	10	60	5		1	20	250	5	17					Ring-billed Gull
California Gull							25							California Gull
Herring Gull					1	2	25							Herring Gull
Glaucous Gull							1i							Glaucous Gull
Gr. Black-backed Gull						1i								Gr. Black-backed Gull
Rock Dove	90		8			100		8	24	2			6	Rock Dove
Great-Horned Owl					1		3a	1					1	Great-Horned Owl
Belted Kingfisher				1	2		1f	6	3					Belted Kingfisher

Scheduled DFO Trips

Tues. Birders

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Yellow-bld. Sapsucker Downy Woodpecker Hairy Woodpecker "Rocky Mountain" race Northern Flicker	1		4		1	1m 2	5	3			1		1	Yellow-bld. Sapsucker Downy Woodpecker Hairy Woodpecker "Rocky Mountain" race Northern Flicker
"Red-shafted" race Say's Phoebe Horned Lark Tree Swallow Violet-Green Swallow	1 30		7	1	13	4 3 50	5	14						"Red-shafted" race Say's Phoebe Horned Lark Tree Swallow Violet-Green Swallow
Steller's Jay Blue Jay Clark's Nutcracker Black-billed Magpie American Crow				15			2	1		1	4	6		Steller's Jay Blue Jay Clark's Nutcracker Black-billed Magpie American Crow
Common Raven Black-cap. Chickadee Mountain Chickadee Plain Titmouse Red-br. Nuthatch	4		11	7 9 25 12	20	2 15 5 6	3	26	2		1 14 2	2 22 16		Common Raven Black-cap. Chickadee Mountain Chickadee Plain Titmouse Red-br. Nuthatch
White-br. Nuthatch Pygmy Nuthatch Brown Creeper Bewick's Wren American Dipper				12 2 2 1		2 2			2		1 25	15 20		White-br. Nuthatch Pygmy Nuthatch Brown Creeper Bewick's Wren American Dipper
Ruby-crowned Kinglet Western Bluebird Mountain Bluebird Townsend's Solitaire American Robin			2	12 4 15 22	65	20 3 50	15	30			5	6 22 22 6		Ruby-crowned Kinglet Western Bluebird Mountain Bluebird Townsend's Solitaire American Robin
Northern Mockingbird Sage Thrasher Curve-billed Thrasher Northern Shrike European Starling				1		6 2								Northern Mockingbird Sage Thrasher Curve-billed Thrasher Northern Shrike European Starling
Yellow-rumped Warbler "Myrtle" race "Audubon's" race Rufous-sided Towhee Canyon Towhee			3			15		2 1 1						Yellow-rumped Warbler "Myrtle" race "Audubon's" race Rufous-sided Towhee Canyon Towhee
American Tree Sparrow Song Sparrow White-throated Sparrow White-crowned Sparrow Dark-eyed Junco	2 3 29		5 4		5	5 6 50 20	7 18 9	5	3					American Tree Sparrow Song Sparrow White-throated Sparrow White-crowned Sparrow Dark-eyed Junco
"Oregon" race "Pink-sided" race "Gray-headed" race Red-winged Blackbird Western Meadowlark	125 11		4 6 4	10 20 30 1	6	15 15 600 40	2 3 160 15	35 1					100 6	"Oregon" race "Pink-sided" race "Gray-headed" race Red-winged Blackbird Western Meadowlark
Brewer's Blackbird Rosy Finch "Gray-crowned" race Pine Grosbeak Cassin's Finch				8		20				1 11 1				Brewer's Blackbird Rosy Finch "Gray-crowned" race Pine Grosbeak Cassin's Finch
House Finch Red Crossbill Pine Siskin American Goldfinch House Sparrow	10 20 65		6 2 10 8	6 8 2		50 3 2 150	15 1 10	5 12	6		10 35	25 50		House Finch Red Crossbill Pine Siskin American Goldfinch House Sparrow
TOTAL SPECIES TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	28 683	13 410	38 341	28 267	31 420	71 2470	47 1036	42 676	31 353	13 33	19 176	20 241	27 291	TOTAL SPECIES TOTAL INDIVIDUALS

ADDITIONAL MARCH 1993 REPORTS

Instructions for submitting "Additional reports"

1. Individual "Additional Reports" of interesting sightings made during the month are welcomed. However, the Editor reserves the right to publish only those reports that are deemed as unusual or rare or as augmenting the reports submitted by the leaders of scheduled DFO field trips. For a guide as to the species that are of most interest, see Pages 81 through 84 of the *Lark Bunting*, Volume 27, Number 8 (May 1992).
2. The reports should be submitted in Sixth AOU Checklist order, and include the date(s) of observation, number of birds seen, sex, and plumage, if possible. Also, specific, detailed location (including county) information should be provided. Refer to the *Lark Bunting*, Volume 27, Number 10 (July 1992) for a guide to preparing written documentation to support observation of extremely rare or accidental species as well as for those species that pose difficult field identification problems.
3. Deadline for receipt of all additional reports is the fifth of the following month. They should be sent to the Editor.

Eared Grebe 3/24 (12) San Luis Lakes, Alamosa Co. (BP, BM)
3/28 (2) McClellan Reservoir, Arapahoe Co. (GA, KS)
Clark's Grebe 3/13 (1) Lake Henry, Crowley Co. (BP)
American White Pelican 3/29 (1) CF&I Lakes, Pueblo Co. (BP, PS)
Double-crested Cormorant 3/27 (7) Lake Meredith, Crowley Co. (BP, MJ)
Tundra Swan 3/8 (2a, 2i) Sloan Lake, Denver Co. (JR)
Trumpeter Swan 3/13 (1i) Lake Holbrook, Otero Co. (BP)S
Ross's Goose 3/13 (2) Lake Meredith, Crowley Co. (BP)
3/27 (1) Rocky Ford, Otero Co. (BP, MJ)
Greater Scaup 3/14 (1m) Pueblo Reservoir, Pueblo Co. (BP, MJ)
3/10 (2m) Marston Reservoir, Jefferson Co. (TJ)
Turkey Vulture 3/29 (3) Colorado City, Pueblo Co. (BP, PS)
Osprey 3/29 (1) Lathrop SP, Huerfano Co. (BP, PS)
Red-tailed Hawk "Harlan's" race 3/10 (1a) Qunicy & Wadsworth, Jefferson Co. (TJ)
Sandhill Crane 3/23 & 3/24 (5000) Monte Vista NWR, Rio Grande Co. (BP, BM)
3/21 (3) Lower Latham Reservoir, Weld Co. (JTB, DL, KS)
Whooping Crane 3/23 & 3/24 (2) Monte Vista NWR, Rio Grande Co. (BP, BM)
Black-bellied Plover 3/28 (1m) Cherry Creek Reservoir, Arapahoe Co. (GA, KS)
Snowy Plover 3/27 (2) Lake Cheraw, Otero Co. (BP, MJ)
American Avocet 3/24 (1) San Luis Lakes, Alamosa Co. (BP, BM)
Greater Yellowlegs 3/13 (2) Arkansas River at 36th Lane, Vineland, Pueblo Co. (BP)
Baird's Sandpiper 3/18 (2) Pueblo Reservoir, Pueblo Co. (JR)
Common Snipe 3/13 (3) Avondale, Pueblo Co. (BP)
Franklin's Gull 3/29 (6) CF&I Lakes, Pueblo Co. (BP, PS)
Bonaparte's Gull 3/27 (2) Lake Meredith, Crowley Co. (BP, MJ)
Glaucous Gull 3/10 (1, first year plumage) Marston Reservoir, Jefferson Co. (TJ)
Great Black-backed Gull 3/14 - 3/28 (1, first winter plumage) Pueblo Reservoir, Pueblo Co. (MJ)F (BP)S
Inca Dove 3/10 (1) Vineland, Pueblo Co. (BP)F (PS)
Greater Roadrunner 3/27 (1H) Rocky Ford SWA, Otero Co. (BP, MJ)
Northern Saw-Whet Owl 3/19 (4H) South of Glade Park, Mesa Co. (DB)
Williamson's Sapsucker 3/25 (3) Narraguinnep Mountain Atlas Block, Dolores Co. (DB)
Tree Swallow 3/23 (4) Monte Vista NWR, Rio Grande Co. (BP, BM)
3/29 (50) Lathrop SP, Huerfano Co. (BP, PS)
Plain Titmouse 3/29 (15) Lathrop SP, Huerfano Co. (BP, PS)
Bushtit 3/29 (100) Lathrop SP, Huerfano Co. (BP, PS)
House Wren 3/27 (1) Lake Meredith, Crowley Co. (BP)
Marsh Wren 3/24 & 3/29 (5) Lathrop SP, Huerfano Co. (BP)
Golden-crowned Kinglet 3/2 (7) Chief Hosa Campground, Jefferson Co. (KS)
Ruby-crowned Kinglet 3/22 (1) Olive Marsh, Pueblo Co. (BP)
Mountain Bluebird 3/2 (1m) US 40 near Morrison, Jefferson Co. (JM)
Loggerhead Shrike 3/24 (2) San Luis Lakes, Alamosa Co. (BP, BM)
Yellow-rumped Warbler 3/22 (3 Audubon's, 2 Myrtle) Olive March, Pueblo Co. (BP)

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Sage Sparrow 3/24 (10) Highway 159 near Fort Garland, Costilla Co. (BP, BM)

3/6 (3) Bull Canyon Atlas Block, San Miguel Co. (DB)

Lapland Longspur 3/1 (220) Near Idalia, Yuma Co. (JR)

Snow Bunting 3/12 (1m) North of Hayden, Routt Co. (DB)

Yellow-headed Blackbird 3/29 (2m) CF&I Lakes, Pueblo Co. (BP, PS)

Common Grackle 3/26 (1) Pueblo West, Pueblo Co. (BP)

3/28 (1) Cherry Creek Reservoir, Arapahoe Co. (KS)

Brown-headed Cowbird 3/10 (1m) Vineland, Pueblo Co. (BP, PS)

3/27 (1m) Rocky Ford SWA, Otero Co. (BP, MJ)

Rosy Finch "Gray-crowned" race 3/12 (70) North of Hayden, Routt Co. (DB)

"Black" race 3/7 (3) Georgetown, Clear Creek Co. (JTB, KS)

3/9 (1) Ward, Boulder Co. (DM, KS)

Red Crossbill 3/25 (11) Narraguinnep Mountain Atls Block, Dolores Co. (DB)

White-winged Crossbill 3/3 (11) Mount Falcon Park, Jefferson Co. (KS)S

Abbreviations used: a = adult, f = female, F = form submitted, H = heard only, i = imm., m = male, S = some details provided

Contributors and other observers: BM = Bill McGurn, BP = Brandon Percival, DB = Dan Bridges, DL = Dave Leatherman, DM = Diana Mullineaux, DN = Duane Nelson, GA = George Armbrust, JM = Judy Miller, JR = Joe Roller, JTB = Joe TenBrink, KS = Karleen Schofield, MJ = Mark Janos, mo = many others, NE = Norm Erthal, PS = Pearle Sandstrom-Smith, TJ = Tina Jones

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

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In addition to the above new members, the following members were left off the membership list in last month's issue:

Steve and Anne Segal	5338 South Xenophon Way, Littleton	80127	978-9062
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CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE COLORADO BIRD REPORT IN MARCH

Kitty Albee

The following guidelines should be followed when participating in a DFO field trip:

Call the Colorado Bird Report at 279-3076 before going on a field trip to determine if there have been any cancellations or changes in schedules.

Carpool if possible so the leader will have few cars to keep track of and get parked at stops. Carpooling also saves gasoline and reduces air pollution. Stay reasonably close to the group whether in cars or on foot.

DO NOT LEAVE THE GROUP WITHOUT NOTIFYING THE LEADER.

Everyone is expected to share in the mileage expenses on scheduled DFO field trips. The suggested share is 10 cents per mile divided by the number of people in the car including the driver.

MAY DFO FIELD TRIPS

May 1, Saturday. Bear Creek Lake Park. Leader: Norm Lewis (988-5544). Meet leader at 0700 at west parking lot at north entrance on Morrison Road. *

May 2, Sunday. Wheat Ridge Greenbelt. Leader: Ruth Breckon (455-0970). Meet at 0730 at Prospect Lake Park, West 44th Avenue near Robb Street + •

May 8, Saturday. Platte River Habitat Study. Leader: John Hale (935-8475). Meet leader at 0730 on west side of King Soopers at South Sheridan and Dartmouth. + •

May 9, Sunday. No trip scheduled.

May 15 and 16, Saturday and Sunday. Bonny Reservoir State Park. Leader: Jack Reddall (771-5308). Meet leader at 0630 on Saturday at Foster Grove Campground in park. Trip will end early afternoon Sunday. Camp in park or stay in motel in Burlington or Idalia (1-364-7237 for Prairie Vista Motel in Idalia). Bring lunch for two days. \$

May 15, Saturday, Spring Count:

Chatfield SRA. Leader: Joey Kellner (948-1748). Meet at 0600 at Deer Creek (west) entrance of the park (off Hwy 75).

Waterton. Leader: Hugh Kingery (333-0161). Meet at 0600 at Park-and-Ride at US 285 (Hampden Avenue) and S. Wadsworth, or at 0615 at the Waterton Bridge.

Lower Bear Creek. Leader: Bob Spencer (279-4682). Meet at 0630 at Bear Valley Shopping Center (southwest section west of Burlington Coat Factory) at South Sheridan north of US 285.

May 16, Sunday, Spring Count:

Castlewood Canyon State Park. Leader: Randy Lentz (777-7101). Meet at 0700 at north entrance to Castlewood Canyon State Park. +

Barr Lake State Park. Leader: Dick Schottler (278-8035). Meet at 0630 at entrance station to Barr Lake State Park. This is a 10-mile, all-day hike around the lake.

Rocky Mountain Arsenal. Leader: Urling Kingery (333-0161). Register with leader (number of observers limited).

Barr Lake Periphery. Leader: David Pantle (333-8352). Meet at 0630 at intersection of Piccadilly road and Bromley Lane.

Cherry Creek Reservoir. Leader: Patty Echelmeyer (233-4947). Meet at 0600 at west gate of the SRA near Cherry Creek High School.

May 19, Wednesday. Fountain Creek Regional Park and Hanna Ranch. Leaders: Toni Brevillier (719 540-5653) and Karleen Schofield (936-8661). Meet to carpool at 0600 at southwest corner of Southmoor Park-and-Ride (take Hampden east from I-25 to Monaco then south to Magnolia Way), or meet at 0730 at the north parking area of FCRP (from I-25 south of Colorado Springs, take exit 132. Go east on C16 across Fountain Creek to US 85. Go south to Willow Springs Road, then west on this road into park, bearing right to parking lot and restrooms). Please call Karleen if carpooling from Denver. *

May 22, Saturday. Boulder Foothills area: Dowdy Draw, Gregory Canyon, Flagstaff, CU Campus. Leaders: Myron and Suzi Plooster (494-6708). Carpool at 0715 south of West 38th Avenue on Vance Street (one block east of Wadsworth). Park on street east of church parking lot. Meet leaders at 0800 in north parking lot of US Dept of Commerce Boulder Laboratories (from US 36, take Baseline exit and turn left, turn left again at next light, cross street onto laboratory grounds at next light). *

May 23, Sunday. Pawnee National Grasslands and intermittent lakes. Leader: Dick Pratt (788-0604). Meet at 0700 at east end of north parking lot of Museum of Natural History in City Park. *

May 29, Saturday. Highline Canal, McClellan Reservoir, Plum Creek Louviers, and Daniels Park. Leader: Lynn Willcockson (757-7000). Meet at 0730 south of Albertson's on NW corner of South Broadway and County Line Road. *

May 30, Sunday. Rigli Ranch. Leader: Joe Rigli (1-432-5200). Carpool at 0630 at east end of north parking lot of Denver Museum of Natural History in City Park, or join group at 0715 at Pepper Pot restaurant in Hudson (turn right from exit ramp). Meet leader at ranch -- From Hudson, go east on Hwy 52 until it turns north. Continue east on Morgan County Road F to County Road 14, then turn north to first house on left by boxcars. *

* = Bring Lunch, \$ = Park Pass Required,
+ = Half-Day Trip, • = Lunch Optional

Submitted By:
Ruth Breckon (455-0970)
Mort Staatz (279-6169)

Spring Count Coordinator: Hugh Kingery

DENVER FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS - Membership Information

WELCOME TO THE D.F.O.

PURPOSE: The prime objective of the club is to promote interest in the study and preservation of birds and their habitats. Members are encouraged to learn about birds in the field noting species and numbers and at the same time learning their songs and calls as well as habits and habitats.

REGULAR MEETINGS: The general meetings are held each month (except June, July, August and December) at 7:30 PM at the Denver Museum of Natural History. Dates and subjects of the meetings are reported on the Colorado Bird Report (279-3076) and in the club bulletin. The meetings are open to the public without charge.

FIELD TRIPS: These are scheduled for almost every Saturday and Sunday throughout the year to a variety of habitats near Denver. Occasionally special trips are arranged to good birding areas in other parts of Colorado. Usually it is necessary to bring a lunch and to wear sturdy hiking shoes or boots. Carpooling is encouraged to get the most from bird watching as well as to save time and energy. Carpooling cost is 10 cents per mile divided by the number of passengers including the driver.

BULLETIN: A monthly bulletin, *The Lark Bunting*, is issued listing field trips scheduled. A complete list of birds seen on the previous month's trips is given in checklist order as are interesting sightings reported by members.

D.F.O. COLORADO BIRD REPORT (303-279-3076)

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***** COLORADO BIRD REPORT -- 279-3076 *****

April 1993 Field Trip Summary

March 28, Sunday (CRD)

Cherokee Ranch and Daniels Park. Leader: Ben King. Observers: George Armbrust, Gail Evans, Betty Marsland, Alhata Nelson, Wayne Tillay, Karleen Schofield. (Clear; Wind NW, 0 to 8 kph; 40 to 60°F). 128 km by car, 1.6 km on foot. 0730-1300. (30 species; 277 individuals)

April 3, Saturday (RMA)

Rocky Mountain Arsenal. Leader: Ed Holub and Urling Kingery. Observers: George Armbrust, Sherry Chapman, Jack and Betty English, Jerry Franklin, Liz Kreider, Judy Lane, Glenn Meyers, Peter Mulholland. (Cloudy to mostly cloudy, light drizzle early; Wind N, 0 to 24 kph; 33 to 45°F). 40 km by car, 0.8 km on foot. 0745-1500. (51 species; 867 individuals)

April 4, Sunday (CCR)

Cherry Creek Reservoir. Leader: Steve Stachowiak. Observers: George Armbrust, Sherry Chapman, Warren Finch, Joey Kellner, Jack Reddall, Joe TenBrink. (Clear; Wind SE 19 kph; 33 to 62°F). 0645-1210. (51 species; 1,266 individuals)

April 10, Saturday (CSP)

Chatfield State Recreation Area. Leader: Bob Fleming. Observers: Marge Abbott, Shirley Blackburn, Ruth Davis, Patty Echelmeyer, Phil Hayes, Marc Kelly, Judy Miller, Robert Miller, Alberta Nelson, Mona Nielson, David Pantle, Tim Schowalter, Bob Spencer, Eleanor White, Chris Wood. (Clear; Wind NE to E 20 to 30 mph; 50 to

60°F). 40 km by car, 6.4 km on foot. 0900-1530. (50 species, 503 individuals)

April 11, Sunday (BCK)

Bear Creek - Plains to Foothills. Leader: Cal Wichern. Observers: George Armbrust, Diana Bryant, Judy Kane, Sue Kane, Richard Nowotny, Joe TenBrink. (Sunny; Wind light; 35 to 50°F). 73.6 km by car, 4.8 km on foot. 0800-1400. (42 species; 199 individuals)

April 17, Saturday (BAR)

Barr Lake and periphery. Leaders: Lee and Marilyn Rowe. Observers: George Armbrust, Ursula Barsch, Ruth Davis, Warren Finch, Cal Frazier, Jean Frazier, Marc Kelly, David Laliberte, Marilyn Stokes, Felix Tsai, Chuck Walters, Eleanor White, Avalon Williams. (Sunny; Wind W 6.4 to 11.3 kph; 40 to 62°F). 24 km by car, 4.8 km on foot. 0800-1300. (57 species; 4,706 individuals).

April 18, Sunday (WGL)

Lakes from Wheat Ridge to Golden and the Fairmount East Open Space. Leader: Diana and Don Mullineaux. Observers: Kitty Albee, George Armbrust, Barbara Boland, Sherry Chapman, Mike Foster, Phil Hayes, Claudina Hruby, Marilyn Jarapko, Clint Jones, Betty Marsland, Margaret Mills, Gene Shimel, Margo Shimel, Carley Warren, Amy Young. (Sunny to light clouds; Wind S, 0 to 13 kph; 50 to 68°F). 32 km by car, 1.6 km on foot. 0730-1330. (54 species; 466 individuals).

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The Denver Field Ornithologists was organized as the Colorado Bird Club in 1935, and membership is open to anyone interested in the birds of the Denver area in particular, and the birds of Colorado in general. The organization presents monthly evening programs (except in the summer) and conducts about 100 field trips annually.

Regular individual or family membership is \$10.00 per year. Senior citizen (age 65 or older) is \$8.00 per year. Student (age 18 or younger) membership is \$5.00 per year. Applications for membership should be sent to the Treasurer (see address below). A membership application form is usually attached to the back of the *Lark Bunting*.

Notification of changes in name or address should be sent to the Treasurer. The *Lark Bunting* is sent by second class mail, and will not be forwarded.

Members who fail to receive the *Lark Bunting* by the 25th of the month should contact the Editor (telephone 894-3265), as he usually has extra copies. Those who fail to receive the *Lark Bunting* for two or more consecutive months should contact the Treasurer in writing.

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April 24, Saturday (NEC)
Northeastern Colorado, including Prewitt Reservoir, Bijou Creek, South Platte River, and Jackson Reservoir. Leader: Kathy Hawkins. Observers: George Armbrust, Diane and Jeff Carter, Gail Evans, Glenn and Jeane Hageman, Alan and Dee Hay, Karleen Schofield, Chuck Walters, Amy Young. (Cloudy, rain showers; Wind variable, 0 to 32 kph; 45 to 50°F). 380 km by car, 4.8 km on foot. 0600-1900. (73 species; 2,993 individuals).

April 25, Sunday (WRP)
White Ranch Park. Leader: Randy Lentz. Observers: Kitty Albee, Mona Carlton, Claudina Hruby, Clint Jones, Tim Kuesel, Margie and John Mills, Peter Mulholland. (Clear; Wind W, 0 to 3 kph; 5 to 18°C). 0 km by car, 5.5 km on foot. 0630-1200. (40 species; 240 individuals).

Tuesday Birders Trips

(Compiled by Monna Krebs)

April 6. Trip cancelled due to inclement weather.

April 13. Red Rocks and Morrison Parks (RRM) Leader: Else Van Erp. 24 observers. (Clear to partly cloudy; Wind N, 5 to 15 mph; 34 to 45°F). 8 km by car, 0.4 km on foot. 1000-1300. (26 species; 169 individuals).

April 20. Hawk Watch -- Dinosaur Ridge and Matthews/Winters Park. (DRM) Leader: Else Van Erp. 29 observers. (Partly sunny; Wind N 7 to 14 mph; 38 to 45°F). 1.6 km by car, 2.4 km on foot. 1000-1300. (29 species; 100 individuals).

April 26 through 28. Denver to Southeast Colorado and back. (DSC) Leader: Ann Bonnell. 15 observers. (Sunny to partly cloudy; Wind S, 0 to 40 kph; Temperature variable). 1200 km by car, 6.4 km on foot. 0730-1730 Monday, 0530-1930 Tuesday, 0815-1700 Wednesday. (111 species; 7,950 individuals).

April 27. Wheat Ridge Greenbelt, Mount Olivet and Applewood Golf Course. (WMA) Leader: Barbara Fay. 13 observers. (Partly cloudy; Calm; 50 to 60°F). 8 km by car, 3.2 km on foot. 0900-1300. (37 species; 283 individuals).

Independent Trip

April 30. Round trip from Denver to Colorado Springs including Fountain Creek County Park, Castlewood Canyon State Park, and Cherry Creek State Park. (DCS) Observers: Ted Cooper, Glenn Hageman, Susan Jenkins, Jack Reddall. (Partly cloudy to overcast; Wind SW to NE 5 to 25 mph; 45 to 65°F) 283 km by car, 11 km on foot. 0600-1730. (89 species; 3,388 individuals).

APRIL HIGHLIGHTS

A total of 124 species was reported from the eight scheduled field trips in April, plus one from March. Of the species seen by the Tuesday Birders and on one independent trip, 49 were seen on no DFO trip, making a total of 173 species shown on Table 1 (Pages 74-77). In addition, 35 species were reported as additional sightings, and not reported on any DFO trip. Thus, 208 species were reported to the DFO for the month of April.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

On May 29, 30, and 31, the Colorado Field Ornithologists will hold their 31st annual convention in Craig. The featured speaker will be Dr. Clait Braun, who will present "Colorado's Grouse: All you ever wanted to know and were afraid to ask" at the Saturday evening meeting. Target species for the field trips include Sharp-tailed and Sage Grouse, Sandhill Crane, Boreal Owl, and Bufflehead. There will also be a spring celebration in Craig that weekend, so hotel space is sure to be limited. The convention programs are being held at the Holiday Inn. For details on how to register, or for more information, call Mona Hill at 494-8135.

May is the Denver Audubon Society's Birdathon month. This event helps support local projects, and at the same time offers the fun of birding. Prizes are awarded to the birders who collect the most pledges, see the most species, or visit the most unusual birding spot. Participants can pick any 24-hour period between May 1 and May 23, to spot as many birds as they can. If you are interested in participating, call Aleta at the DAS office (696-0877, 9-4 weekdays).

When Gail Evans, Howard Frisch, and Sherry Chapman went birding on the 15th of April, they encountered a Western Grebe at Cherry Creek which was hopelessly entangled in fishing line under the bridge near the Prairie Loop Nature Trail. Sherry waded through the cattails into hip-deep water to rescue the bird and gather all the fishing line. It was 35° at 7:00 AM, and there was ice on the water. This kind of effort deserves special recognition, and serves as an example for all of us.

The DFO Upper Texas Coast Trip took place in April. The trip was led by Bob Righter, and observers included Marlene Eggerling, David Pantle, Suzi Plooster, David Rhoades, Karleen Schofield, Frances Sperl, and Allan Wofchuck. Highlights of the trip included thousands of birds in fallout, producing Red-cockaded Woodpecker, Cave Swallow, Gray-cheeked Thrush, Sprague's Pipit, and Bachman's Sparrow, plus scores of shorebirds, terns, and warblers. 22 species of warblers were seen in two trees in two hours.

The Spotted Sandpiper seen at Barr Lake on April 13th by Dan Bridges may be a new state record for earliest arrival. The Grasshopper Sparrow seen on April 20 in Logan County is also close to a record.

The Peregrine Falcon seen at Bijou Reservoir on April 27 by Jack Reddall had a male Blue-winged Teal in its talons.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

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CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE COLORADO BIRD REPORT IN APRIL

none reported

Table 1 includes the data collected in April on the eight scheduled DFO field trips (and one from March), and four Tuesday Birders field trips taken by DFO members.

Abbreviations used in this table: a = adult, d = dead when observed, f = female, h = heard only, i = immature, m = male, N = on nest

DATE AREA COVERED	Scheduled DFO Trips										Tues. Birders and independent trip					DATE AREA COVERED
	31 CRD	3 RMA	4 OCR	10 CSP	11 BCK	17 BAR	18 WGL	24 NEC	25 WRP		13 RRM	20 DRM	26 DSC	27 WMA	30 DCS	
Red-throated Loon				1												Red-throated Loon
Pied-billed Grebe		1				3		3					3	1	4	Pied-billed Grebe
Horned Grebe			4				7						6			Horned Grebe
Eared Grebe					1		1	12					2			Eared Grebe
Western Grebe			70	36	6	19	7	20							1	Western Grebe
Clark's Grebe		1	1													Clark's Grebe
American White Pelican						4		82	6				25		4	American White Pelican
Double-cr. Cormorant		1	7	100		200	6	38					1	8	35	Double-cr. Cormorant
American Bittern								1								American Bittern
Great Blue Heron	1	7	20	17	1	22	1	26					3		25	Great Blue Heron
Snowy Egret								3								Snowy Egret
Green-backed Heron															1	Green-backed Heron
Black-cr. Night-Heron			25			1	1	1						1	2a	Black-cr. Night-Heron
White-faced Ibis													14			White-faced Ibis
Canada Goose		67	65	35		12	39	22					10	32	45	Canada Goose
Wood Duck				9	2								2		1m1f	Wood Duck
Green-winged Teal		37	100	2		48	20	12							2	Green-winged Teal
Mallard	6	10	70	7	8	18	22	66					4	15	120	Mallard
Northern Pintail		1	1m1f	1		25		8								Northern Pintail
Blue-winged Teal			1m1f			35		11					9		18	Blue-winged Teal
Cinnamon Teal		2	5	1		16		5					5		4	Cinnamon Teal
Northern Shoveler		6	85			2000	49	919					183	8	15	Northern Shoveler
Gadwall		22	70	4	9	125	22	16					45	1	110	Gadwall
American Widgeon			8			4	2	12					5	2		American Widgeon
Canvasback		2						1								Canvasback
Redhead		55	15			17	4	5					5			Redhead
Ring-necked Duck		65	2m	7			11	25					15	8	1m	Ring-necked Duck
Lesser Scaup		50	27	20		2	29	20					2	7	25	Lesser Scaup
Surf Scoter							2									Surf Scoter
Common Goldeneye				8		2	6						1			Common Goldeneye
Bufflehead			2m1f			11	25	8					1f		10	Bufflehead
Hooded Merganser					2											Hooded Merganser
Common Merganser		8	1m1f	4		9	4	1m8f						1		Common Merganser
Red-br. Merganser							15							3		Red-br. Merganser
Ruddy Duck		2				48		25					9		10	Ruddy Duck
Turkey Vulture				8	1						14	4	30		40	Turkey Vulture
Osprey				2			1	1	1		1	2				Osprey
Bald Eagle						1										Bald Eagle
Northern Harrier		4	5	1f		5		1m1f				2	4		1m1f	Northern Harrier
Sharp-shinned Hawk		1			1		1				7	3	1		1	Sharp-shinned Hawk
Cooper's Hawk		3			2			1			18	3				Cooper's Hawk
Northern Goshawk																Northern Goshawk
Broad-winged Hawk												1				Broad-winged Hawk
Swainson's Hawk						7		22				1	45	3	7	Swainson's Hawk
Red-tailed Hawk	2		2	7+1n		2	1				6	10	4			Red-tailed Hawk
western races		15			2			1	1a1i						10	western races
Ferruginous Hawk								3				1	8			Ferruginous Hawk
<i>Buteo</i> species													12			<i>Buteo</i> species
Golden Eagle	1	1							1a2i		2	2	2			Golden Eagle
American Kestrel	2	16		7	1	2	5	31	1f		2	1	33		6	American Kestrel
Prairie Falcon				2							2		2			Prairie Falcon
<i>Falco</i> species				1												<i>Falco</i> species
Ring-necked Pheasant		3	7		1	1+3h		4					1			Ring-necked Pheasant
Blue Grouse									3m							Blue Grouse
Lesser Prairie-Chicken													6m			Lesser Prairie-Chicken
Wild Turkey													1			Wild Turkey
Northern Bobwhite								1h								Northern Bobwhite
Scaled Quail													8			Scaled Quail

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Virginia Rail			5									1h		1	Virginia Rail
Sora												1h			Sora
American Coot		45	110	6	6	75	5	228				100	4	400	American Coot
Snowy Plover												3		4	Snowy Plover
Killdeer		3	7	1	1	8	3	8	1			12			Killdeer
Mountain Plover												2+1d			Mountain Plover
Black-necked Stilt						3						6			Black-necked Stilt
American Avocet				9		2	1					45		12	American Avocet
Greater Yellowlegs		1				1	1	2							Greater Yellowlegs
Lesser Yellowlegs						9						3			Lesser Yellowlegs
Solitary Sandpiper							1								Solitary Sandpiper
Willet						3		2				2			Willet
Spotted Sandpiper												1		2	Spotted Sandpiper
Long-billed Curlew												3			Long-billed Curlew
Marbled Godwit						1		34						2	Marbled Godwit
Baird's Sandpiper												57			Baird's Sandpiper
Long-billed Dowitcher						1						3			Long-billed Dowitcher
Common Snipe	1		1	1	4			6				2	1		Common Snipe
Wilson's Phalarope												158			Wilson's Phalarope
Franklin's Gull												1		20	Franklin's Gull
Ring-billed Gull	17	2	20	23			8					2	1	10	Ring-billed Gull
California Gull			4a1i	3		12		12				2		10	California Gull
Herring Gull			7	1										1i	Herring Gull
Unidentified gull						8									Unidentified gull
Forster's Tern														1	Forster's Tern
Rock Dove	4	3	2	2	6	24	4	25		6		55		40	Rock Dove
Mourning Dove		6		1		14	3	63	2			1350	6	100	Mourning Dove
Greater Roadrunner												1			Greater Roadrunner
Barn Owl														1N	Barn Owl
Burrowing Owl												3			Burrowing Owl
Great-Horned Owl		2	3a1i	1N		1N		3a2i					1	1a	Great-Horned Owl
Short-eared Owl		2							1						Short-eared Owl
Northern Saw-whet Owl															Northern Saw-whet Owl
Chimney Swift												4			Chimney Swift
White-throated Swift										43	5			3	White-throated Swift
Belted Kingfisher			4	1	1		3	4			1	2	1	5	Belted Kingfisher
Lewis' Woodpecker												12		1	Lewis' Woodpecker
Red-head. Woodpecker														1a	Red-head. Woodpecker
Red-naped Sapsucker		1													Red-naped Sapsucker
Downy Woodpecker	2	2		4		1	1		2	2	1		8		Downy Woodpecker
"Batchelder's" race								6							"Batchelder's" race
eastern races														8	eastern races
Hairy Woodpecker									2			1			Hairy Woodpecker
eastern races					1										eastern races
Northern Flicker				7			4			7		3	11		Northern Flicker
"Yellow-shafted" race						3									"Yellow-shafted" race
"Red-shafted" race	5	5	12		6	4		7	9					8	"Red-shafted" race
Western Wood-Pewee												2			Western Wood-Pewee
Eastern Phoebe												1			Eastern Phoebe
Say's Phoebe							1			1		15			Say's Phoebe
Ash-throatd. Flycatcher												1			Ash-throatd. Flycatcher
Western Kingbird												30			Western Kingbird
Horned Lark	12	3		2				2				1200		2	Horned Lark
Tree Swallow				15				12				78	1	1	Tree Swallow
Violet-Green Swallow														35	Violet-Green Swallow
Northern R-wgd Swallow						1		3				4	2	6	Northern R-wgd Swallow
Cliff Swallow												100			Cliff Swallow
Barn Swallow				1		2	2	50				118	2	15	Barn Swallow
Unidentified swallow								100		2					Unidentified swallow
Steller's Jay	2				4				5					4	Steller's Jay
Blue Jay	4							35				10	19	3	Blue Jay
Scrub Jay	5								3	2	5			3	Scrub Jay

Scheduled DFO Trips										Tues. Birders and independent trip						
DATE AREA COVERED	31 CRD	3 RMA	4 CCR	10 CSP	11 BCK	17 BAR	18 WGL	24 NEC	25 WRP	13 RRM	20 DRM	26 DSC	27 WMA	30 DCS	DATE AREA COVERED	
Clark's Nutcracker									1						Clark's Nutcracker	
Black-billed Magpie	23	75	46	28	10	15	20	18	3	5	5	55	9	20	Black-billed Magpie	
American Crow	6		2	18	3		5	8	3			7	4	8	American Crow	
Common Raven	12	2		5	4				3	3	5	1		3	Common Raven	
Black-cap. Chickadee	5	18	6	22	7	5	2	11	2	6	8		9	10	Black-cap. Chickadee	
Mountain Chickadee					4				21					2	Mountain Chickadee	
Red-br. Nuthatch					3				10					2	Red-br. Nuthatch	
White-br. Nuthatch	6				1				25		1				White-br. Nuthatch	
Pygmy Nuthatch					7				28					2	Pygmy Nuthatch	
Brown Creeper		1			2				1						Brown Creeper	
Rock Wren												4			Rock Wren	
Canyon Wren										2	1h	2			Canyon Wren	
Bewick's Wren												3			Bewick's Wren	
House Wren												1		20	House Wren	
Marsh Wren			1					1h							Marsh Wren	
American Dipper										2					American Dipper	
Ruby-crowned Kinglet									4			2			Ruby-crowned Kinglet	
Blue-Gray Gnatcatcher												1			Blue-Gray Gnatcatcher	
Eastern Bluebird								1m							Eastern Bluebird	
Western Bluebird	26				3				8	3	3			6	Western Bluebird	
Mountain Bluebird	48								13	7		2		15	Mountain Bluebird	
Townsend's Solitaire	3				2				10		2				Townsend's Solitaire	
Hermit Thrush								1							Hermit Thrush	
American Robin	4	82	40	7	22	9	20	46	9	3	3	24	40	220	American Robin	
Northern Mockingbird												10			Northern Mockingbird	
Brown Thrasher												3		2	Brown Thrasher	
Curve-billed Thrasher												2			Curve-billed Thrasher	
American Pipit			1h												American Pipit	
Loggerhead Shrike								6				56			Loggerhead Shrike	
European Starling		57	35	35	12	1000	35	34	1	9	4	133	5	180	European Starling	
Orange-crowned Warbler								1						3	Orange-crowned Warbler	
Yellow Warbler														1m	Yellow Warbler	
Yellow-rumped Warbler							1					38	29		Yellow-rumped Warbler	
"Myrtle" race					2							7		50	"Myrtle" race	
"Audubon's" race					4							2		8	"Audubon's" race	
Common Yellowthroat														2m	Common Yellowthroat	
Rose-breast. Grosbeak														1m	Rose-breast. Grosbeak	
Green-tailed Towhee												2		1	Green-tailed Towhee	
Rufous-sided Towhee	4		1					3	9	3	6	1		10	Rufous-sided Towhee	
Canyon Towhee												7			Canyon Towhee	
Cassin's Sparrow												60			Cassin's Sparrow	
Chipping Sparrow									1			25		15	Chipping Sparrow	
Vesper Sparrow				1								20		12	Vesper Sparrow	
Lark Sparrow												55			Lark Sparrow	
Sage Sparrow												1			Sage Sparrow	
Lark Bunting												600			Lark Bunting	
Song Sparrow		4	30	1	6	2	2	4					6	15	Song Sparrow	
Lincoln's Sparrow														1	Lincoln's Sparrow	
White-crowned Sparrow		18	7				10					14			White-crowned Sparrow	
"Gambel's" race						2		50	5					5	"Gambel's" race	
Harris' Sparrow		1					1								Harris' Sparrow	
Dark-eyed Junco				8			2		8	3	4				Dark-eyed Junco	
"Slate-colored" race		5				2									"Slate-colored" race	
"Oregon" race						2								1	"Oregon" race	
"Pink-sided" race		13	3												"Pink-sided" race	
"Gray-headed" race	10				2									1	"Gray-headed" race	
Red-winged Blackbird		53	255	3	21	750	4	373	1			310	15	700	Red-winged Blackbird	
Western Meadowlark	4	28	55	14		17	12	60	5		6	1800		150	Western Meadowlark	
Yel.-headed Blackbird		1	1m			18		65				11			Yel.-headed Blackbird	
Brewer's Blackbird								8				4		100	Brewer's Blackbird	
Common Grackle				1		40	21	220				500	4	500	Common Grackle	

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Brown-headed Cowbird								1				8	2	75	Brown-headed Cowbird
Northern Oriole															Northern Oriole
"Bullock's" race												2			"Bullock's" race
Cassin's Finch	20														Cassin's Finch
House Finch	4	24	4		6		8	30		7	3	30		25	House Finch
Red Crossbill									11						Red Crossbill
Pine Siskin	23				6		2		14	3	7			4	Pine Siskin
American Goldfinch			3	1H	2	5	1		2				4	3m	American Goldfinch
House Sparrow	15	30	2		4	24	2	32				250	9	15	House Sparrow
TOTAL SPECIES	30	51	51	50	42	57	54	73	40	26	29	111	37	89	TOTAL SPECIES
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	277	867	1266	503	199	4706	466	2993	240	169	100	7950	283	3388	TOTAL INDIVIDUALS

ADDITIONAL APRIL 1993 REPORTS

Instructions for submitting "Additional reports"

1. Individual "Additional Reports" of interesting sightings made during the month are welcomed. However, the Editor reserves the right to publish only those reports that are deemed as unusual or rare or as augmenting the reports submitted by the leaders of scheduled DFO field trips. For a guide as to the species that are of most interest, see Pages 81 through 84 of the *Lark Bunting*, Volume 27, Number 8 (May 1992).
2. The reports should be submitted in Sixth AOU Checklist order, and include the date(s) of observation, number of birds seen, sex, and plumage, if possible. Also, specific, detailed location (including county) information should be provided. Refer to the *Lark Bunting*, Volume 27, Number 10 (July 1992) for a guide to preparing written documentation to support observation of extremely rare or accidental species as well as for those species that pose difficult field identification problems.
3. Deadline for receipt of all additional reports is the fifth of the following month. They should be sent to the Editor.

Red-throated Loon 4/8 through 4/30 (1b) Chatfield Reservoir, Douglas Co. JB (F), mo

Common Loon 4/13 (7alt) Chatfield Reservoir, Douglas Co. CW

4/14 (1b) Cherry Creek SRA, Arapahoe Co. GE

Great Egret 4/22 (1) Chatfield Reservoir, Douglas Co. CW

Snow Goose 4/17 (31) Lake Holbrook, Otero Co. BP, DJ

Ross' Goose 4/17 (1) Lake Holbrook, Otero Co. BP, DJ

Greater Scaup 4/10 (1m) Lake Cheraw, Otero Co. BP, VT

Oldsquaw 4/1 through 4/30 (1m) Pueblo Reservoir, Pueblo Co. BP, VT, MJ

Red-breasted Merganser (1m) Prospect Reservoir, Weld Co. CW

Turkey Vulture 4/7 (55) Chatfield Reservoir, Douglas Co. HK

Osprey 4/14 through 4/27 (2a) Cherry Creek SRA, Arapahoe Co. GE

Northern Goshawk 4/7 (2) Chatfield Reservoir, Douglas Co. HK

Broad-winged Hawk 4/24 (1a) Crow Valley Campground, Weld Co. CW

Peregrine Falcon 4/21 (1f) Barr Lake SP, Adams Co. GE, HF

4/22 (1) Chatfield Reservoir, Douglas Co. CW

4/24 (1) Chatfield Reservoir, Jefferson Co. BP

4/25 (1a) Arapaho NWR, Jackson Co. JR

4/27 (1a) Bijou Reservoir, Morgan Co. JR

Blue Grouse 4/10 (1) Swift Creek, Custer Co. DB

4/25 (1m) Hayden, Routt Co. JR

Sage Grouse 4/25 (13) Hayden, Routt Co. JR

Sharp-tailed Grouse 4/20 (1) south of Tamarack Ranch, Logan Co. DB

4/25 (15) Hayden, Routt Co. JR

Scaled Quail 4/1 through 4/30 (20) Pueblo West, Pueblo Co. BP

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Snowy Plover 4/25 (14) Lake Cheraw, Otero Co. BP, MJ
Semipalmated Plover 4/20 (1) Cherry Creek SRA, Arapahoe Co. GE
4/25 (4) Lake Cheraw, Otero Co. BP, MJ
Black-necked Stilt 4/16 (7) 160th Avenue at Gun Club Road, Adams Co. AS
(1) Weld County Roads 6 and 61, Weld Co. CW
4/25 (33) Arkansas River Valley, Otero and Crowley Cos. BP, MJ
American Avocet 4/25 (77) Arkansas River Valley, Otero and Crowley Cos. BP, MJ
Greater Yellowlegs 4/25 (12) Arkansas River Valley, Otero and Crowley Cos. BP, MJ
Lesser Yellowlegs 4/25 (63) Arkansas River Valley, Otero and Crowley Cos. BP, MJ
Willet 4/25 (15) Arkansas River Valley, Otero and Crowley Cos. BP, MJ
Spotted Sandpiper 4/13 (1) Barr Lake State Park, Adams Co. DB
4/25 (14) Arkansas River Valley, Otero and Crowley Cos. BP, MJ
Marbled Godwit 4/25 (5) Pond east of Lake Holbrook, Otero Co. BP, MJ
Sanderling 4/25 (2) Lake Cheraw, Otero Co. BP, MJ
Semipalmated Sandpiper 4/25 (13) Lakes Cheraw and Henry, Otero and Crowley Cos. BP, MJ
Western Sandpiper 4/25 (140) Lake Cheraw, Otero Co. BP, MJ
Least Sandpiper 4/25 (19) Arkansas River Valley, Otero and Crowley Cos. BP, MJ
4/27 (1) Cherry Creek SRA, Arapahoe Co. GE, SC
Baird's Sandpiper 4/25 (5) Arkansas River Valley, Otero and Crowley Cos. BP, MJ
Long-billed Dowitcher 4/25 (12) Arkansas River Valley, Otero and Crowley Cos. BP, MJ
4/27 (1) Cherry Creek SRA, Arapahoe Co. GE, SC
Common Snipe 4/25 (1) Lake Meredith, Crowley Co. BP, MJ
Bonaparte's Gull 4/10 (10) Chatfield Reservoir, Douglas Co. CW
4/25 (48) Arkansas River Valley, Otero and Crowley Cos. BP, MJ
4/27 (2a) Cherry Creek SRA, Arapahoe Co. GE
Thayer's Gull 4/6 (1fw) Cherry Creek State Park, Arapahoe Co. JR
Great Black-backed Gull 4/1 through 4/30 (1fw) Pueblo Reservoir, Pueblo Co. BP, MJ, VT
Forster's Tern 4/25 (28) Arkansas River Valley, Otero and Crowley Cos. BP, MJ
Barn Owl 4/28 4/4 (1) Olive Marsh, Pueblo Co. BP
4/15 (1) Chatfield Reservoir, Douglas Co. CW
4/28 (1) Rocky Mountain Arsenal, Adams Co. HK
Broad-tailed Hummingbird 4/19 (5) Temple Canyon Park, Fremont Co. BP, JY
Red-naped Sapsucker 4/19 (1m) Temple Canyon Park, Fremont Co. BP, JY
Western Kingbird 4/25 (2) Lake Holbrook, Otero Co. BP
Pinyon Jay 4/2 (200) Temple Canyon Park, Fremont Co. BP, VT
Plain Titmouse 4/2 (6) Temple Canyon Park, Fremont Co. BP, VT
Bushtit 4/2 (4) Temple Canyon Park, Fremont Co. BP, VT
Rock Wren 4/27 (1) CF&I Lakes, Pueblo Co. BP, PS
4/27 (1) Cherry Creek SRA, Arapahoe Co. GE, SC
House Wren 4/27 (17) Arkansas River Valley, Otero and Crowley Cos. BP, MJ
Golden-crowned Kinglet 4/4 (5) Pueblo City Park, Pueblo Co. BP
Hermit Thrush 4/25 (1a) Greenwood Village, Arapahoe Co. GE
4/28 (3) Rocky Mountain Arsenal, Adams Co. HK
Northern Mockingbird 4/25 (1) Boone, Pueblo Co. BP, MJ
Sage Thrasher 4/29 (1) Pueblo West, Pueblo Co. BP
Brown Thrasher 4/25 (1) Rocky Ford SWA, Otero Co. BP, MJ
Curve-billed Thrasher 4/1 through 4/30 (2) Pueblo West, Pueblo Co. BP
Yellow-throated Vireo 4/25 (1a) Lake Henry, Crowley Co. BP, MJ (F)

Orange-crowned Warbler 4/25 (4) Arkansas River Valley, Otero and Crowley Cos. BP, MJ
Black-throated Gray Warbler 4/28 (1) Rocky Mountain Arsenal, Adams Co. HK
Townsend's Warbler 4/28 (1ma) Mines Park, Golden, Jefferson Co. JD
Palm Warbler 4/30 (1) Wheat Ridge Greenbelt, Jefferson Co. KS (F)
Common Yellowthroat 4/27 (1m) CF&I Lakes, Pueblo Co. BP, PS
Wilson's Warbler 4/25 (1m) Rocky Ford SWA, Otero Co. BP, MJ
Canyon Towhee 41 through 4/30 (2n) Pueblo West, Pueblo Co. BP
Brewer's Sparrow 4/24 (1) Chatfield Reservoir, Jefferson Co. BP, SB
Lark Sparrow 4/19 (1) Canon City, Fremont Co. BP
Grasshopper Sparrow 4/20 (5) south of Tamarack Ranch, Logan Co. DB
Fox Sparrow 4/22 (1) Castle Creek, Section 31-2S-84W, Eagle Co. DB
White-throated Sparrow 4/10 (3) Rocky Ford SWA, Otero Co. BP, VT
Harris' Sparrow 4/10 (1a) Lake Minnequa, Pueblo Co. BP, VT
Great-tailed Grackle 4/25 (1f) Lake Meredith, Crowley Co. BP, MJ

Abbreviations used: a = adult, alt = alternate plumage, b = basic plumage, f = female, F = form submitted, fw = first winter plumage, H = heard only, i = immature, m = male, n = nesting

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Correction: In the April, 1993 *Lark Bunting* (last month), it was reported that 8 Pine Grosbeaks were seen on Bob Spencer's field trip to Reynolds Park, *et. al.* on March 13. This was incorrect -- they were really Pine Siskins. My apologies for any trouble this may have caused.

Editor's Note: The *Lark Bunting* may be a little late for the next couple of months, because your Editor is in the process of buying a house and moving. Apologies for any problems that may occur. The mailing address for the *Lark Bunting* will remain the same for now, however:

The *Lark Bunting*
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Louisville, CO
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Please take note of this new telephone number -- 894-3265. The Editor can be reached there during business hours, and there is 24-hour answering support.

A volunteer is needed to take over one of the duties of the Editor. It would help me immensely if someone could donate less than an hour per month to help me out. This task can be done from your home each month. To volunteer, call Kurt Hebner at 894-3265. Thank you very much.

The following guidelines should be followed when participating in a DFO field trip:

Call the Colorado Bird Report at 279-3076 before going on a field trip to determine if there have been any cancellations or changes in schedules.

Carpool if possible so the leader will have few cars to keep track of and get parked at stops. Carpooling also saves gasoline and reduces air pollution. Stay reasonably close to the group whether in cars or on foot.

**DO NOT LEAVE THE GROUP WITHOUT
NOTIFYING THE LEADER.**

Everyone is expected to share in the mileage expenses on scheduled DFO field trips. The suggested share is 10 cents per mile divided by the number of people in the car including the driver.

JUNE DFO FIELD TRIPS

June 2, Wednesday. Arkansas River Breeding Specialties. Leader: Duane Nelson (277-9748). Participants should call leader in advance for arrangements.

June 5, Saturday. Weld County lakes. Leader: Bill Prather (776-2191). Meet at 0700 at east end of north parking lot of Museum of Natural History in City Park. Meet leader at 0745 at Jim Hamm Nature Center (from I-25, take CO 119 west 4 miles to Boulder/Weld County Line Road, then go 2 miles north to nature center). *

June 6, Sunday. Apex Park. Leader: Warren Finch (233-3372). Meet at 0600 at the parking lot west of CO 93 just north of US 40. Carry water for steep trail. Blue Grouse possible and wild flowers in full bloom. +

June 9, Wednesday. Chatfield SRA. Leader: Anne Southcott (979-1955). Meet at 0730 at west gate of park on South Wadsworth. + o \$

June 12, Saturday. Colorado Springs Wildlife Area and Fountain Creek Park. Leader: Ed Holub (979-2194). Meet at 0600 to carpool at Southmoor Park and Ride (from E. Hampden, go south on S. Monaco to Magnolia Way). *

June 13, Sunday. Lyons area. Leader: Ray Davis (1-823-5332). Carpool at 0700 at east end of north parking lot of Museum of Natural History at City Park. Meet leader at 0800 at Park-and-Ride in middle of Lyons, half a block south of Main Street at light on Third Street. Golden Eagles and Lewis' Woodpeckers probable. *

June 19, Saturday. Barr Lake SRA. Leaders: Lee and Marilyn Rowe (659-8069). Carpool at 0715 east end of north parking lot of Museum of Natural History in City Park or meet leaders at 0800 at Nature Center in Barr Lake State Park. + o

June 20, Sunday. Atwood Bird Atlas Block. Leader: Norm Erthal (424-6747). Meet leader at Colorado Division of Wildlife office at 6060 Broadway. Call leader in advance if going. *

June 23, Wednesday. Golden Gate Canyon and State Park. Leader: Alan Hay (422-0239). Meet at 0730 at Park-and-Ride on west side of Ward Road just north of I-70 and West 44th Street. * \$

June 26, Saturday. Eldora and Hessie areas. Leader: Bob Jickling (499-4977). Meet to carpool at 0615 south of West 38th Avenue on Vance Street (one block east of Wadsworth). Park on street east of church parking lot. Meet leader at 0730 in north parking lot of the US Dept. of Commerce, Boulder Laboratories (from US 36, take Baseline exit and turn left. Turn left again at next light, cross street at next light onto laboratory grounds). *

June 27, Sunday. Bear Creek, plains to mountains. Leader: Cal Wichern (693-3718). Meet at 0800 east of Pancake House in Bear Creek Valley Shopping Center on S. Sheridan just north of Hampden. *

* = Bring Lunch, \$ = Park Pass Required,
+ = Half-Day Trip, o = Lunch Optional

Submitted By:
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Ruth Breckon (455-0970)

WELCOME TO THE D.F.O.

PURPOSE: The prime objective of the club is to promote interest in the study and preservation of birds and their habitats. Members are encouraged to learn about birds in the field noting species and numbers and at the same time learning their songs and calls as well as habits and habitats.

REGULAR MEETINGS: The general meetings are held each month (except June, July, August and December) at 7:30 PM at the Denver Museum of Natural History. Dates and subjects of the meetings are reported on the Colorado Bird Report (279-3076) and in the club bulletin. The meetings are open to the public without charge.

FIELD TRIPS: These are scheduled for almost every Saturday and Sunday throughout the year to a variety of habitats near Denver. Occasionally special trips are arranged to good birding areas in other parts of Colorado. Usually it is necessary to bring a lunch and to wear sturdy hiking shoes or boots. Carpooling is encouraged to get the most from bird watching as well as to save time and energy. Carpooling cost is 10 cents per mile divided by the number of passengers including the driver.

BULLETIN: A monthly bulletin, *The Lark Bunting*, is issued listing field trips scheduled. A complete list of birds seen on the previous month's trips is given in checklist order as are interesting sightings reported by members.

D.F.O. COLORADO BIRD REPORT (303-279-3076)

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REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING ON THE FIRST WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER THROUGH MAY, EXCEPT FOR DECEMBER, AT 7:30 PM, DENVER MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY, RICKETSON AUDITORIUM

NEXT MEETING, WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 1993

PROGRAM: Banding and Birding in Colima, Mexico -- Wintering Ground of Many Colorado Migrants
by Mary Kay Waddington

***** COLORADO BIRD REPORT -- 279-3076 *****

May 1993 Field Trip Summary

May 1, Saturday (BCL)

Bear Creek Lake Park. Leader: Norm Lewis.
Observers: George Armbrust, Bob and Nancy Bierling, Marge Van Wyk. (Overcast to partly cloudy; Wind variable 0 to 24 kph; 3 to 7° C).
9.6 km by car, 4.8 km on foot. 0700-1500.
(60 species; 1,007 individuals)

May 2, Sunday (WGB)

Wheat Ridge Greenbelt. Leader: Ruth Breckon.
Observers: George Armbrust, Ginny and Tom Faxon, Phil Hayes, Ira Sanders, Evelyn Simpson, Bob Spencer, Mort Staatz, Joe TenBrink, Dick Williams. (Clear; Calm; 5 to 15° C).
0 km by car, 3.2 km on foot. 0730-1130.
(48 species; 331 individuals)

May 8, Saturday (PRH)

Platte River Habitat Study (US 285 south to Union).
Leader: John Hale. Observers: George Armbrust, Barb Bridges, Gail Evans, Mort Staatz, Wendell Hoag, Eleanor White. (Clear; Wind W to SW 0 to 6 kph; 10 to 17° C). 0 km by car, 3.2 km on foot.
0800-1200. (35 species; 231 individuals)

**Joint Den. Museum of Nat. Hist/DFO trip:
May 12 through 16, Wednesday through
Sunday (ECO)**

East Central Colorado: Burlington to Bonny Reservoir, South Republican SWA (incl. Hale Ponds), Idalia to Beecher Island. Leader: Jack Reddall.

Observers (for one or more days): George Armbrust, Mike and Rose Barber, Barbara Boland, Ed and Susan Bowditch, David Christian, Ted Cooper, Marlene Eggerling, Jean Frazier, David and Martha Gulbenkian, Kathy Hawkins, Alan and Dee Hay, Margaret Hurst, Susan Jenkins, Clint Jones, Dieter and Alicia Kamm, Martha McCauley, Don and Diana Mullineaux, Dorothy Reddall, Ira Sanders, Syl Sather, Jim and Karleen Schofield, Tim Schowalter, Mary Jo Spiro, Mort Staatz, Peggy Vedder.
63 total hours birding. 361 km by car, 39 km on foot. (133 species; 8,059 individuals)

Spring Count

May 15, Saturday (CSR)

Chatfield Reservoir State Recreation Area. Leader: Joey Kellner. Observers: Joyce and Ray Bonilla, Carolyn Cooley, Rick Dorrance, Walt Hackney, Ed Holub, Randy Lentz, Kim Potter, Joe Roller, Steve Stachowiak, Al Wudell, Scott Yarberry. (Cloudy then sunny; Wind NW 0 to 11 kph; 10 to 20° C).
32 km by car, 9 km on foot. 0600-1600.
(91 species; 1,315 individuals)

May 15, Saturday (WTC)

Waterton Canyon. Leaders: Hugh Kingery, Dick Pratt. Observers: John Bliss, Sherry Chapman, Dave and Lynn Conant, Bob and Michele Currie, Betty and Stan Harwood, Marc Kelly, Judy Lane, Hope Leighton, Elissa and Jon McAlear, Jean McClenathen, Glen Meyers, Peter Mulholland, David Pantle, Sally Plummer, Jerry Robinson, Cheryl Scott, Tom Smith. 16 km by car, 12.8 km on foot. (90 species; 726 individuals)

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May 15, Saturday (LBC)

Lower Bear Creek, including Marston & Bear Creek Lake Park. Leaders: Robert Spencer, Mary Jane Schock. Observers: Barbara Bridges, Lori Chappell, Tina Jones, Ron Lestina, Harold and Betty Oliver, Lucy Page. (Cloudy, clearing; Calm; 7 to 24°C). 56 km by car, 4.8 km on foot. 0630-1530. (75 species; 1,635 individuals)

May 16, Sunday (CCP)

Castlewood Canyon St. Park. Leader: Randy Lentz. Observer: Walt Hackney. (Sunny morning then rainy midafternoon; Wind SW 6 to 25 kph; 10 to 20°C). 19.3 km by car, 8 km on foot. 0515-1700. (67 species; 845 individuals)

May 16, Sunday (BAR)

Barr Lake State Park. Leader: Dick Schottler. Observers: Warren Finch, Peter Mulholland, Dick Pratt, Bob Spencer. (Mostly cloudy; Wind variable 0 to 8 kph; 10 to 19°F). 0 km by car, 16 km on foot. 0630-1630. (89 species; 1,557 individuals)

May 16, Sunday (RMA)

Rocky Mountain Arsenal. Leader: Urling Kingery. Observers: Ann Caples, Jackie King, Hugh Kingery, Chris Wood. 40 km by car, 4.8 km on foot. 0645-1530. (86 species; 1,398 individuals)

May 16, Sunday (BLP)

Barr Lake Periphery. Leader: David Pantle. Observers: Liz Kreider, Brian Widhalm. (Cloudy; Calm then E 16 kph). 100 km by car, 1.6 km on foot. 0630-1530. (80 species; 2,042 individuals)

May 16, Sunday (CCR)

Cherry Creek State Park. Leader: Patty Echelmeyer. Observers: Ursula Barsch, Marc Kelly, Larry Modesitt, Marty & Bob Montgomery, Joe TenBrink. 6.4 km by car, 4.8 km on foot. (71 species; 1,284 individuals)

May 19, Wednesday (FCH)

Fountain Creek Regional Park and Hanna Ranch. Leaders: Toni Brevillier, Karleen Schofield. Observers: Dave Christian, Gail Evans, Marc Kelly, David Laliberte, Steve Litz, Juliene Pimentel, Jim Schofield. (sunny to overcast; Wind N 8 to 48 kph; 15 to 20°C). 34 km by car, 5.6 km on foot. 0745-1700. (66 species; 314 individuals)

May 22, Saturday (BFT)

Boulder foothills area: Doudy Draw, Gregory Canyon, Bobolink Meadows. Leaders: Myron and Suzi Plooster. Observers: George Armbrust, Sherry Chapman, Ferd and Jo Derkx, Patty Echelmeyer, Gail Evans, Wendell Hoag, Marilyn Jarapko, Lark Latch, Carolyn Murray, Ira Sanders, Karleen Schofield, Shirley Sekarajasingham, Steve Tilson, Louise Tilson, Susan Ward. (Sunny, warm; Calm until last 15 minutes; 15 to 26°C). 16 km by car, 4.8 km on foot. 0820-1430. (55 species; 394 individuals)

May 23, Sunday (PNG)

Pawnee National Grasslands - Crow Creek and Reservoirs along the way. Leader: Dick Pratt. Observers: Kitty Albee, Ann Bonnell, Barb Bridges, Leona Burger, Barbara Fay, Kathy Gibson, Stan and Betty Harwood, Wendell Hoag, Claudina Hruby, Clint Jones, Margie Mills, Peter Mulholland, Laures Runnels, Karleen Schofield, Shirley Sekarajasingham, Else Van Erp, Tom Van Erp. (Clear with summer clouds; Calm; 10 to 16°C). 242 km by car, 1.6 km on foot. 0800-1700. (90 species; 2,060 individuals)

May 29, Saturday (HCM)

Highline Canal, McClellan Reservoir, Plum Creek, Louviers, and Daniels Park. Leader: Lynn Willcockson. Observers: Bob and Mary Bierling, Sherry Chapman, Mary Dexter, Cindy Harris, Wendell Hoag, Jeff Knight, Liz Kreider, Alberta Nelson, Jack Reddall, Shirley Sekarajasingham, Liz Willcockson. (Partly cloudy; Wind 0 to 32 kph; 10 to 21°C). 48 km by car, 4 km on foot. 0745-1530. (68 species, 389 individuals)

May 30, Sunday (RGR)

Rigli Ranch. Leader: Joe Rigli. Observers: George Armbrust, Ruth Breckon, Louise Hector, Wendell Hoag, Shirley Sekarajasingham, Chuck Walters. (Clear to partly; Wind E 0 to 24 kph; 16 to 30°C). 88.5 km by car, 4.8 km on foot. 8 hours elapsed time. (61 species; 485 individuals)

Tuesday Birders Trips
(Compiled by Monna Krebs)

May 4. Chatfield State Park. (CSP) Leader: Ann Bonnell. 40 observers. (Mostly sunny; Wind SW - NW 19 to 35 kph; 12 to 20°C). 13 km by car, 2.4 km on foot. 0900-1230. (41 species; 296 individuals)

May 11. Belcher Hill Trail, Lower and Upper White Ranch Jeffco Open Space Park. (BHT) Leader: Ann Bonnell. 40 observers. (Mostly sunny; Wind N 13 to 24 kph; 11 to 16°C). 21 km by car, 5.6 km on foot. 0830-1230. (41 species; 168 individuals)

May 18. Lair o' the Bear Jeffco Open Space Park. (LOB) Leader: Ann Bonnell. 34 observers. (Mostly sunny; Wind variable 11 to 25 kph; 12 to 17°C). 0 km by car, 4.8 km on foot. 0830-1230. (51 species; 336 individuals)

May 25. Castlewood Canyon State Park. (CAS) Leader: Ann Bonnell. 35 observers. (Cloudy, foggy; Wind 8 to 16 kph; 9 to 13°C). 6.4 km by car, 6.4 km on foot. 0830-1300. (61 species; 340 individuals)

Independent Trip

May 21 through 23. Southeast Colorado: US 36, Bonny Reservoir, Hale Ponds, Nee Noshe Reservoir, Lamar, Two Buttes, Carrizo Canyon, Hanna Ranch. (SEC) Observers: Robert Spencer, Marc Kelly. (Clear Friday, rain Friday night, clearing Saturday, clear Sunday; Wind W 0 to 16 kph; 11 to 28°C). 1100 km by car, 11 km on foot. Birding dawn to 2000 each day. (83 species; 1,569 individuals)

MAY HIGHLIGHTS

A total of 189 species was reported from the eight scheduled field trips in May. Of the species seen by the Tuesday Birders and on one independent trip, 16 were seen on no DFO trip, making a total of 205 species shown on Table 1 (Pages 85-89). Also, of the 168 species seen on the spring count, 14 were not reported on the other trips. In addition, 54 species were reported as additional sightings, and not reported on any DFO trip. Thus, 273 species were reported to the DFO for the month of May.

The Short-eared Owl seen by Joe Roller on May 24 near Bonny Reservoir is reported as the first Yuma County record for this season.

Chris Wood reports a pair of Mississippi Kites mating on May 30th in Cottonwood Canyon.

The Red-faced Warbler first spotted by Dick Schottler and seen by many others on the 3rd of May was the first state record for this bird. It was not seen after the 3rd.

The field trip to the Highline Canal *et al.* netted the highest species total ever for this trip. Highlights were a Solitary Vireo building a nest along Daniels Park Road and all swallows except Purple Martin. Also seen were a baby Raccoon, and a very large Snapping Turtle at a pond near McClellan Reservoir.

Those birders who attended the CFO trip on May 30th in Moffat County were fortunate enough to see an adult Moose with two calves.

On the 13th at Cheraw Reservoir, Karleen Schofield saw 98 Stilt Sandpipers, and many other species.

Patty Echelmeyer added to her yard list when she saw a Summer Tanager on May 24th. She also reports a singing Ovenbird on the 17th.

A Red-throated Loon was seen on the Spring Count at Cherry Creek Reservoir.

On the Chatfield trip during the Spring Count, a Peregrine Falcon took a dive at a Spotted Sandpiper but missed.

A Black Phoebe was seen at the Pawnee National Grasslands on the DFO field trip led by Dick Pratt on the 23rd of May.

Great-tailed Grackles were seen on three DFO trips in May.

The impressive total of species reported to the DFO for May didn't include such species as Clark's Nutcracker or Brown Creeper.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you wish to contribute to a memorial fund for Thompson Marsh, please send a check to the treasurer, made out to DFO with a memo to the Marsh Fund. Since Thompson made use of the Bird Alert in compiling his impressive life list, a gift to it would be appropriate as well.

DFO members Patty Echelmeyer, JB Hayes, David Rhoades, and David Pantle led three successful bird walks for the public on International Migratory Bird Day, held this year on May 8th. A total of 30 members of the public were excited to see and hear many colorful birds up close. None of them were members of a bird club, so we were able to widen the circle of persons interested in birds.

Programs for the next two years are now being planned. If you have any ideas or suggestions, please call David Pantle at 333-8352. Please suggest speakers or topics which you would find interesting. Perhaps you would like to discuss presenting a program yourself, such as documenting with slides to share with others a special trip which you will be taking. Does anyone know of persons in this area with slides about southeast Arizona, Point Pelee, or the Dry Tortugas?

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Table 1 includes the data collected in May on the nine scheduled DFO field trips, four Tuesday Birders field trips, and one independent trip taken by DFO members.

Abbreviations used in this table: a = adult, f = female, h = heard only, i = immature, m = male, n = on nest

Scheduled DFO Trips											Tues. Birders and independent trip						
DATE AREA COVERED	1 BCL	2 WGB	8 PRH	12-16 ECO	19 FCH	22 BFT	23 PNG	29 HCM	30 RGR		4 CSP	11 BHT	18 LOB	25 CAS	21-23 SEC	DATE AREA COVERED	
Red-throated Loon											1					Red-throated Loon	
Pied-billed Grebe	3	1					2				2					Pied-billed Grebe	
Horned Grebe	1															Horned Grebe	
Eared Grebe				20					10							Eared Grebe	
Western Grebe	3			9			8				2				2	Western Grebe	
Clark's Grebe				1			4									Clark's Grebe	
American White Pelican				45			100		26						95	American White Pelican	
Double-cr. Cormorant	15	8	5	50	2		8	6	2		30n				17	Double-cr. Cormorant	
Great Blue Heron	22	4	1	8	2		20	5			50n		1	16	8	Great Blue Heron	
Great Egret							1									Great Egret	
Snowy Egret							2				1					Snowy Egret	
Green-backed Heron					3										1	Green-backed Heron	
Black-cr. Night-Heron	7	2	8				5				1					Black-cr. Night-Heron	
Canada Goose	11	8a5i	4	2	1	2	12	17	20		2				6	Canada Goose	
Wood Duck		1		2m1f				15								Wood Duck	
Green-winged Teal	3	5						4								Green-winged Teal	
Mallard	20	12	22	15	4	2	6	8	5		5		11		18	Mallard	
Northern Pintail				1m												Northern Pintail	
Blue-winged Teal	21			6m6f			4		3						2	Blue-winged Teal	
Cinnamon Teal	4	4		1m1f			4		5							Cinnamon Teal	
Northern Shoveler	4	6		25			2		3							Northern Shoveler	
Gadwall	6	1		1m			2	2	2		4				4	Gadwall	
American Widgeon				1m1f												American Widgeon	
Redhead	1						4		8							Redhead	
Ring-necked Duck		2		2m1f												Ring-necked Duck	
Lesser Scaup	3	6														Lesser Scaup	
Common Goldeneye	2															Common Goldeneye	
Bufflehead	30															Bufflehead	
Hooded Merganser									1							Hooded Merganser	
Common Merganser	15		2m2f								5					Common Merganser	
Ruddy Duck	6			18			4									Ruddy Duck	
Turkey Vulture	2			45	17	1		2			1		4	8	14	Turkey Vulture	
Osprey				2												Osprey	
Mississippi Kite															15	Mississippi Kite	
Northern Harrier							4									Northern Harrier	
Sharp-shinned Hawk	1			1a	1											Sharp-shinned Hawk	
Cooper's Hawk				1i	1							1	1	2		Cooper's Hawk	
Red-shouldered Hawk															1	Red-shouldered Hawk	
Broad-winged Hawk				2a												Broad-winged Hawk	
Swainson's Hawk	1		2	10	3	1	10		4		1			2	6	Swainson's Hawk	
dark phase									1							dark phase	
Red-tailed Hawk	3				2	1	4	5	3			1	1	1		Red-tailed Hawk	
western races				6											1	western races	
Ferruginous Hawk				1a			2		4						1	Ferruginous Hawk	
Golden Eagle								1				2		2a2i		Golden Eagle	
American Kestrel	8	1	1	8	1	1	6	4	1		3		4	3	8	American Kestrel	
Prairie Falcon															1	Prairie Falcon	
Ring-necked Pheasant				6m2f			2		2						5	Ring-necked Pheasant	
Wild Turkey				1m3f											1	Wild Turkey	
Northern Bobwhite				4											12h	Northern Bobwhite	
Virginia Rail				1h												Virginia Rail	
Sora							1h									Sora	
American Coot	5	3		10	2a1i		12				20				6	American Coot	
Snowy Plover															6	Snowy Plover	
Killdeer	2	1	3	15a3i	4	1	6	2	10			3		2	23	Killdeer	
Mountain Plover							5									Mountain Plover	
American Avocet							1		11							American Avocet	
Willet	1															Willet	

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DATE	1	2	8	12-16	19	22	23	29	30		4	11	18	25	21-23	DATE
AREA COVERED	BCL	WGB	PRH	ECO	FCH	BFT	PNG	HCM	RGR		CSP	BHT	LOB	CAS	SEC	AREA COVERED
Spotted Sandpiper	1	1	6	20	2								2	2	3	Spotted Sandpiper
Upland Sandpiper							2									Upland Sandpiper
Long-billed Curlew							1			3						Long-billed Curlew
Semipalmated Sandpip.															6	Semipalmated Sandpip.
Baird's Sandpiper									1							Baird's Sandpiper
Long-billed Dowitcher	1															Long-billed Dowitcher
Common Snipe							1								1	Common Snipe
Wilson's Phalarope	1															Wilson's Phalarope
Franklin's Gull				60			1									Franklin's Gull
Ring-billed Gull	15	9	48	5							8					Ring-billed Gull
Forster's Tern	1			1					5							Forster's Tern
Black Tern				12											5	Black Tern
Rock Dove		12	9	2	14	1	6	9	23					4	30	Rock Dove
Mourning Dove		8	5	200	2	3	52	11	20		2	1	5	4	96	Mourning Dove
Barn Owl				1a												Barn Owl
Eastern Screech-Owl				1h												Eastern Screech-Owl
Great-Horned Owl	1a3i			7			3		5	1a2i					1i	Great-Horned Owl
Burrowing Owl				3			4		6							Burrowing Owl
Long-eared Owl														1		Long-eared Owl
Common Nighthawk				4			5	6	1							Common Nighthawk
Chimney Swift				15	3											Chimney Swift
White-throated Swift								1						4		White-throated Swift
Brd.-tailed Hummingbird					1f	5		6				9	15	10		Brd.-tailed Hummingbird
Belted Kingfisher	3	1	3	9	1			1			5		1		3	Belted Kingfisher
Lewis' Woodpecker					4			1				2			12	Lewis' Woodpecker
Red-head. Woodpecker				9		1	2								16	Red-head. Woodpecker
Red-bell. Woodpecker				3											4	Red-bell. Woodpecker
Downy Woodpecker		3			1			1			5	1	1m1f			Downy Woodpecker
eastern races				7												eastern races
Hairy Woodpecker					1											Hairy Woodpecker
eastern races				1											1	eastern races
Northern Flicker	4				4			4			7	1	2	5		Northern Flicker
"Yellow-shafted" race				25			1								1	"Yellow-shafted" race
"Red-shafted" race		12	1			10	1								13	"Red-shafted" race
Olive-sided Flycatcher				1	1										2	Olive-sided Flycatcher
Western Wood-Pewee				3	3		2	9	2					4		Western Wood-Pewee
Eastern Wood-Pewee						5									2	Eastern Wood-Pewee
Willow Flycatcher				5												Willow Flycatcher
Least Flycatcher				80		1	1									Least Flycatcher
Cordilleran Flycatcher				6		3	1									Cordilleran Flycatcher
<i>Empidonax</i> sp.					3				2	1						<i>Empidonax</i> sp.
Black Phoebe							1									Black Phoebe
Eastern Phoebe															2	Eastern Phoebe
Say's Phoebe	1				1				1			1				Say's Phoebe
Ash-throatd. Flycatcher															5	Ash-throatd. Flycatcher
Gt Crested Flycatcher				1											1	Gt Crested Flycatcher
Cassin's Kingbird															3	Cassin's Kingbird
Western Kingbird			3	450			50	7	20						60	Western Kingbird
Eastern Kingbird				50	1	1	50	3	4						28	Eastern Kingbird
Horned Lark				40			300	3	30						34	Horned Lark
Tree Swallow	50	1		1				1			10	1	3			Tree Swallow
Violet-Green Swallow	50	1		1	12	20		4					33	1		Violet-Green Swallow
Northern R-wgd Swallow	10		2	75	4			5					1		10	Northern R-wgd Swallow
Bank Swallow				10				2								Bank Swallow
Cliff Swallow	50		19	130		25	400	8			10		3	4	81	Cliff Swallow
Barn Swallow	200	4	10	90	6	50	100	18	15		3	4	8	4	42	Barn Swallow
Steller's Jay						2		1				1	2	1		Steller's Jay
Blue Jay		3		40	2	1	8								10	Blue Jay
Scrub Jay								1				1	2	6		Scrub Jay
Black-billed Magpie	25	18	9	6	2	10	10	16	10		10	7		4	12	Black-billed Magpie

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AREA COVERED	BCL	WGB	PRH	ECO	FCH	BFT	PNG	HCM	RGR		CSP	BHT	LOB	CAS	SEC	AREA COVERED
American Crow	1	2			1	1		3			5	5		1	10	American Crow
Chihuahuan Raven															6	Chihuahuan Raven
Common Raven	3				1			1				2	3	1		Common Raven
Black-cap. Chickadee	8	10		15	4	10	1	6			10	4	3	4		Black-cap. Chickadee
Mountain Chickadee								1				2	2	2		Mountain Chickadee
Red-br. Nuthatch							1		1			4	3	3		Red-br. Nuthatch
White-br. Nuthatch				2	2			1				1		2		White-br. Nuthatch
Pygmy Nuthatch												1	2	1		Pygmy Nuthatch
Rock Wren						1	2							2	4	Rock Wren
Bewick's Wren															10	Bewick's Wren
House Wren	2	4		350	7	9	10	22	2		13	2	20	6	18	House Wren
Marsh Wren							6		4							Marsh Wren
American Dipper													6			American Dipper
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	2			2										2		Ruby-crowned Kinglet
Blue-Gray Gnatcatcher				2				4						2		Blue-Gray Gnatcatcher
Eastern Bluebird				10											7	Eastern Bluebird
Western Bluebird	15							3						1		Western Bluebird
Mountain Bluebird								16				10		20		Mountain Bluebird
Townsend's Solitaire													1			Townsend's Solitaire
Veery				3												Veery
Swainson's Thrush		1		425	1		10		15							Swainson's Thrush
Hermit Thrush				3			1		2				1			Hermit Thrush
American Robin	30	30	5	400	11	8	12	7	10		6	8	50	10	56	American Robin
Gray Catbird				10		1		1	1					1		Gray Catbird
Northern Mockingbird				2			6		4						1	Northern Mockingbird
Brown Thrasher				45			2		1						9	Brown Thrasher
American Pipit	1															American Pipit
Cedar Waxwing				80		2							37	44	31	Cedar Waxwing
Loggerhead Shrike				7			4		4							Loggerhead Shrike
European Starling	75	25	1	20	25	20	12	8	15		30		2	6	106	European Starling
Bell's Vireo				1											5	Bell's Vireo
Solitary Vireo					4	1	1	2					2	5		Solitary Vireo
"Plumbeous" race				1												"Plumbeous" race
Warbling Vireo						1	1						7	1	8	Warbling Vireo
Red-eyed Vireo				1	1			1								Red-eyed Vireo
Blue-winged Warbler						1										Blue-winged Warbler
Tennessee Warbler				2m1f												Tennessee Warbler
Orange-crwned Warbler				3	1											Orange-crwned Warbler
Virginia's Warbler	1					2						3	5			Virginia's Warbler
Yellow Warbler		1	1	60	5	3	6	11	2		5	1	16	4	33	Yellow Warbler
Chestnut-sided Warbler				1m												Chestnut-sided Warbler
Magnolia Warbler				1m												Magnolia Warbler
Yellow-rumped Warbler					4	12	1					17	2			Yellow-rumped Warbler
"Myrtle" race	50	20		60							2					"Myrtle" race
"Audubon's" race	50	12	2	10							3			1		"Audubon's" race
Palm Warbler		1														Palm Warbler
Blackpoll Warbler				3m2f								1				Blackpoll Warbler
American Redstart				6m1f	1f										1f	American Redstart
Prothonotary Warbler				1m												Prothonotary Warbler
Northern Waterthrush				5			1									Northern Waterthrush
MacGillivray's Warbler				1m	1	1										MacGillivray's Warbler
Common Yellowthroat				35	1+3h		4	1	1						6	Common Yellowthroat
Wilson's Warbler				4m												Wilson's Warbler
Yellow-breasted Chat				4		2	1	2			1		2	2	9	Yellow-breasted Chat
Summer Tanager				1f												Summer Tanager
Western Tanager					4	12	2	1	1				5	5	1	Western Tanager
Northern Cardinal				1m												Northern Cardinal
Rose-breast. Grosbeak				2m												Rose-breast. Grosbeak
Black-head. Grosbeak				2m2f	3	10	2	3				1	4	15	4	Black-head. Grosbeak
Rs-br. X Blk-hd. Hybrid				1m												Rs-br. X Blk-hd. Hybrid

Scheduled DFO Trips											Tues. Birders and independent trip					
DATE	1	2	8	12-16	19	22	23	29	30		4	11	18	25	21-23	DATE
AREA COVERED	BCL	WGB	PRH	ECO	FCH	BFT	PNG	HCM	RGR		CSP	BHT	LOB	CAS	SEC	AREA COVERED
Blue Grosbeak							1								7	Blue Grosbeak
Lazuli Bunting				3m	2	15						11	2	3		Lazuli Bunting
Indigo Bunting				4m	1				1					1		Indigo Bunting
Green-tailed Towhee					1									1		Green-tailed Towhee
Rufous-sided Towhee				7	2+4h	10		11				7	7	25		Rufous-sided Towhee
Cassin's Sparrow							1h		1							Cassin's Sparrow
Chipping Sparrow	10	13		550		15		3				12				Chipping Sparrow
Clay-colored Sparrow				60												Clay-colored Sparrow
Brewer's Sparrow				1			6									Brewer's Sparrow
Vesper Sparrow	1			10		3	1	4				5			1	Vesper Sparrow
Lark Sparrow				275	2		50	1	3					1	22	Lark Sparrow
Lark Bunting				250			300		15					1m	56	Lark Bunting
Savannah Sparrow		1	1						1							Savannah Sparrow
LeConte's Sparrow				5												LeConte's Sparrow
Song Sparrow	8	6	5	1	4	1		6			5		5			Song Sparrow
Lincoln's Sparrow				14												Lincoln's Sparrow
White-crowned Sparrow	7	2	1										1			White-crowned Sparrow
"Gambel's" race				20												"Gambel's" race
Harris' Sparrow				1a												Harris' Sparrow
Dark-eyed Junco																Dark-eyed Junco
"Gray-headed" race												4				"Gray-headed" race
McCown's Longspur							20									McCown's Longspur
Chestnut-clld. Longspur							6									Chestnut-clld. Longspur
Bobolink						3										Bobolink
Red-winged Blackbird	100	14	20	1200	32	20	50	8	30		6			1	182	Red-winged Blackbird
Western Meadowlark	25		2	300	1+1h	10	200	7	10		7	13		10	60	Western Meadowlark
Yel.-headed Blackbird				600	1h		30		2							Yel.-headed Blackbird
Brewer's Blackbird						1						2				Brewer's Blackbird
Great-tailed Grackle				2m1f			1								3	Great-tailed Grackle
Common Grackle		12	8	1000	40	4	10	10	20		5	7		2	92	Common Grackle
Brown-headed Cowbird	2	1	4	170	1	20	2	6	8		1	7	5	15	11	Brown-headed Cowbird
Orchard Oriole				70			1		2						20	Orchard Oriole
Northern Oriole			3				30	12								Northern Oriole
"Baltimore" race				35											1	"Baltimore" race
"Bullock's" race				3m	4	10			10		1	1	3	3	20	"Bullock's" race
Cassin's Finch													1			Cassin's Finch
House Finch		3	2		4			8					2			House Finch
Pine Siskin		1		6		25	10	12				1	22	25		Pine Siskin
Lesser Goldfinch								7								Lesser Goldfinch
"Green-backed" race													2	2		"Green-backed" race
"Black-backed" race													5			"Black-backed" race
American Goldfinch		4	4	40	20	12	10	7			4		5	15	6	American Goldfinch
Evening Grosbeak							2						2	2		Evening Grosbeak
House Sparrow		25	7	30	2	1		4	50						25	House Sparrow
TOTAL SPECIES	60	48	35	133	66	55	90	68	61		41	41	51	61	83	TOTAL SPECIES
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	1007	331	231	7958	314	394	2060	389	485		296	168	336	340	1569	TOTAL INDIVIDUALS

Table 2 includes the data collected on the Spring Count by DFO members.

Abbreviations used in this table: a = adult, c = calling when observed, f = female, h = heard only, i = immature, m = male

DFO Spring Count									
DATE	15	15	15	16	16	16	16	16	DATE
AREA COVERED	CSR	WTC	LBC	CCP	BAR	RMA	BLP	CCR	AREA COVERED
Red-throated Loon									1 Red-throated Loon
Common Loon	2								Common Loon
Pied-billed Grebe		2	5		2		7	2	2 Pied-billed Grebe
Eared Grebe					15				Eared Grebe
Western Grebe	2		2		10		8	3	3 Western Grebe
Clark's Grebe			1				2		Clark's Grebe
American White Pelican	16	10	32		24	10	32	28	28 American White Pelican
Double-cr. Cormorant	70	5	67		150	8	15	42	42 Double-cr. Cormorant
Great Blue Heron	37	7	27	6	16	16	36	15	15 Great Blue Heron
Snowy Egret					3				Snowy Egret
Cattle Egret							3		Cattle Egret
Black-cr. Night-Heron	2	1	7		25	1	5	14	14 Black-cr. Night-Heron
White-faced Ibis					7				White-faced Ibis
Canada Goose	23	3	56		51	32	43	16	16 Canada Goose
Wood Duck	2m1f	2			2		2		Wood Duck
Green-winged Teal	2	3				10	15	6	6 Green-winged Teal
Mallard	20	9	160	5	75	22	237	50	50 Mallard
Northern Pintail					18	1	14		Northern Pintail
Blue-winged Teal	18	2	10		24	13	28	25	25 Blue-winged Teal
Cinnamon Teal	1m	4	3		10	2	29	4	4 Cinnamon Teal
Northern Shoveler	4	100	10		28	1	35	11	11 Northern Shoveler
Gadwall	4	25	13		67	11	20	14	14 Gadwall
American Widgeon		1			6				American Widgeon
Canvasback		1							Canvasback
Redhead		10	7		11	17	20	6	6 Redhead
Ring-necked Duck		10							Ring-necked Duck
Lesser Scaup		20			2		1	1	1 Lesser Scaup
Bufflehead		25	10					1	1 Bufflehead
Common Merganser	3m3f	11	2						Common Merganser
Ruddy Duck					18		18	12	12 Ruddy Duck
Turkey Vulture	3	13	3	15	2	2			Turkey Vulture
Osprey					1			1	1 Osprey
Bald Eagle					1a				Bald Eagle
Northern Harrier					5	8	3	2	2 Northern Harrier
Sharp-shinned Hawk	2					1			Sharp-shinned Hawk
Cooper's Hawk	2	2		1a					Cooper's Hawk
Broad-winged Hawk		1							Broad-winged Hawk
Swainson's Hawk			9		3	17	9		Swainson's Hawk
Red-tailed Hawk		2				14	6	1	1 Red-tailed Hawk
western races			7	3					western races
Ferruginous Hawk						5			Ferruginous Hawk
Golden Eagle		2							Golden Eagle
American Kestrel	3	2	4	2	4	11	9		American Kestrel
Peregrine Falcon	1								Peregrine Falcon
Ring-necked Pheasant	2h				4h	13	3		Ring-necked Pheasant
Virginia Rail	1h				1h	1	3+4h		Virginia Rail
Sora			1h		1h	1	1+3h	1	1 Sora
American Coot	2		19		28	3	40	20	20 American Coot
Killdeer	6	3	14	1	12	13	20	14	14 Killdeer
American Avocet						4	15		American Avocet
Lesser Yellowlegs					1		2	1	1 Lesser Yellowlegs
Solitary Sandpiper							1		Solitary Sandpiper
Willet							12	1	1 Willet
Spotted Sandpiper	8	2	22		17	2	14	30	30 Spotted Sandpiper
Sanderling								2	2 Sanderling
Semipalmated Sanpiper	3								Semipalmated Sanpiper
Western Sandpiper	2						5		Western Sandpiper
Least Sandpiper	1		3				2		Least Sandpiper
Unidentified "peep"						6			Unidentified "peep"
Long-billed Dowitcher							2		Long-billed Dowitcher

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DATE	15	15	15	16	16	16	16	16	DATE
AREA COVERED	CSR	WTC	LBC	CCP	BAR	RMA	BLP	CCR	AREA COVERED
Common Snipe					1		5		Common Snipe
Wilson's Phalarope						7	38	8	Wilson's Phalarope
Franklin's Gull	45		2		8			12	Franklin's Gull
Ring-billed Gull	2		40		2	40	1	18	Ring-billed Gull
California Gull	1				39	60	30		California Gull
Forster's Tern							6		Forster's Tern
Black Tern					7	1			Black Tern
Rock Dove	3	6	38	7	9	14	20		Rock Dove
Mourning Dove	17	12	46	31	22	31	15	45	Mourning Dove
Yellow-billed Cuckoo					1h				Yellow-billed Cuckoo
Great-Horned Owl	4	1	5a4i	1h	1a2i	8	5a5i	3	Great-Horned Owl
Burrowing Owl						6			Burrowing Owl
Common Poorwill						1			Common Poorwill
Chimney Swift	1								Chimney Swift
White-throated Swift		5		1					White-throated Swift
Brd.-tailed Hummingbird	4m2f	5		5					Brd.-tailed Hummingbird
Belted Kingfisher	2	4	2	2	1	2	1	1	Belted Kingfisher
Downy Woodpecker		5	4			15	1		Downy Woodpecker
eastern races	4				7				eastern races
Hairy Woodpecker				1					Hairy Woodpecker
Northern Flicker							1	1	Northern Flicker
"Red-shafted" race	8	7	22	9	5	4			"Red-shafted" race
Olive-sided Flycatcher								1	Olive-sided Flycatcher
Western Wood-Pewee	3	1			3	4		1	Western Wood-Pewee
Willow Flycatcher		1							Willow Flycatcher
Least Flycatcher	2c					1			Least Flycatcher
<i>Empidonax</i> sp.	4	1			2				<i>Empidonax</i> sp.
Eastern Phoebe				1					Eastern Phoebe
Say's Phoebe		1							Say's Phoebe
Cassin's Kingbird				1					Cassin's Kingbird
Western Kingbird	5	3	5	2	18	17	20	7	Western Kingbird
Eastern Kingbird	4	2	2	1	11	12	3	2	Eastern Kingbird
Horned Lark	3	1		1		8	15		Horned Lark
Tree Swallow	110			14	14			10	Tree Swallow
Violet-Green Swallow	75	2	4	62					Violet-Green Swallow
Northern R-wgd Swallow	8	2		10	2			10	Northern R-wgd Swallow
Bank Swallow	1						5		Bank Swallow
Cliff Swallow	75	1	15	80		2	40	100	Cliff Swallow
Barn Swallow	25	7	58	8	60	24	150	50	Barn Swallow
Unidentified swallow								200	Unidentified swallow
Steller's Jay				4					Steller's Jay
Blue Jay	2	1	4	2			2		Blue Jay
Scrub Jay		4		1					Scrub Jay
Black-billed Magpie	19	4	58	11	27	36	10	12	Black-billed Magpie
American Crow	7	2	2	2		1		1	American Crow
Common Raven	2	4	4	2				1	Common Raven
Black-cap. Chickadee	12	12	13	8	8	5		6	Black-cap. Chickadee
Mountain Chickadee				14					Mountain Chickadee
Red-br. Nuthatch	1		1	10					Red-br. Nuthatch
White-br. Nuthatch	2			1					White-br. Nuthatch
Pygmy Nuthatch				1					Pygmy Nuthatch
Rock Wren	2		2	4	2	4			Rock Wren
Canyon Wren		1		4					Canyon Wren
House Wren	140	46	30	38	36	44	5	8	House Wren
Marsh Wren							6		Marsh Wren
Ruby-crowned Kinglet		1							Ruby-crowned Kinglet
Blue-Gray Gnatcatcher	2	2		5		3			Blue-Gray Gnatcatcher
Eastern Bluebird						2			Eastern Bluebird
Mountain Bluebird				38					Mountain Bluebird
Townsend's Solitaire				2					Townsend's Solitaire

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DATE	15	15	15	16	16	16	16	16	DATE
AREA COVERED	CSR	WTC	LBC	CCP	BAR	RMA	BLP	CCR	AREA COVERED
Swainson's Thrush	3	1	1	1	31	16	1	1	Swainson's Thrush
Hermit Thrush						1			Hermit Thrush
American Robin	22	10	111	62	15	14	12	12	American Robin
Gray Catbird	4	2			1				Gray Catbird
Brown Thrasher					4		1		Brown Thrasher
Cedar Waxwing	2	1							Cedar Waxwing
Loggerhead Shrike	1					3			Loggerhead Shrike
European Starling	57	10	95	11	100	37	60	25	European Starling
Solitary Vireo		2		5					Solitary Vireo
"Plumbeous" race	2		2		3				"Plumbeous" race
Warbling Vireo	2	9			1	3			Warbling Vireo
Orange-crowned Warbler	2	1				1			Orange-crowned Warbler
Virginia's Warbler				6	1				Virginia's Warbler
Yellow Warbler	75	53	43	5	29	26	3	4	Yellow Warbler
Yellow-rumped Warbler					23				Yellow-rumped Warbler
"Myrtle" race	7		11			8		4	"Myrtle" race
"Audubon's" race	14	1	3			29	4	4	"Audubon's" race
American Redstart	3m1f	3							American Redstart
Northern Waterthrush		1							Northern Waterthrush
MacGillivray's Warbler			1						MacGillivray's Warbler
Common Yellowthroat	7	1	4	2	6	15	12	18	Common Yellowthroat
Wilson's Warbler			1		1				Wilson's Warbler
Yellow-breasted Chat	18	11							Yellow-breasted Chat
Scarlet Tanager						1			Scarlet Tanager
Western Tanager	3	4	2	1	2m	10			Western Tanager
Rose-breast. Grosbeak					1m				Rose-breast. Grosbeak
Black-head. Grosbeak	4	1	1	2	2m	9			Black-head. Grosbeak
Lazuli Bunting	3	15		1	1m			2	Lazuli Bunting
Green-tailed Towhee				1	1	2			Green-tailed Towhee
Rufous-sided Towhee	14	29	3	45	2	1	1		Rufous-sided Towhee
Chipping Sparrow		1	5	1	46	107	5	7	Chipping Sparrow
Clay-colored Sparrow			2		1	2		2	Clay-colored Sparrow
Brewer's Sparrow		1			1			5	Brewer's Sparrow
Vesper Sparrow	2	10		33		3			Vesper Sparrow
Lark Sparrow	2			2	4	4	1	1	Lark Sparrow
Savannah Sparrow			1						Savannah Sparrow
Lark Bunting				3		97	1		Lark Bunting
Song Sparrow	11	8	14	4	3	7	11	6	Song Sparrow
Lincoln's Sparrow		1			3			3	Lincoln's Sparrow
White-crowned Sparrow		1	2						White-crowned Sparrow
"Mountain" race	1					2			"Mountain" race
Harris' Sparrow					1				Harris' Sparrow
Dark-eyed Junco						12			Dark-eyed Junco
"Gray-headed" race				1					"Gray-headed" race
Bobolink			1	29				1	Bobolink
Red-winged Blackbird	34	4	113	56	125	195	250	80	Red-winged Blackbird
Western Meadowlark	33	8	18	49	26	111	20	26	Western Meadowlark
Yel.-headed Blackbird	36		16		37	5	463	9	Yel.-headed Blackbird
Brewer's Blackbird	2	20		27					Brewer's Blackbird
Great-tailed Grackle							1		Great-tailed Grackle
Common Grackle	42	42	122	4	90	10	40	140	Common Grackle
Brown-headed Cowbird	25	18	4	32	3	12	2	60	Brown-headed Cowbird
Orchard Oriole							1		Orchard Oriole
Northern Oriole								5	Northern Oriole
"Bullock's" race	16	14	24		38	41	3		"Bullock's" race
House Finch		2	76			2	2	6	House Finch
Pine Siskin	1	4	8	45		5			Pine Siskin
American Goldfinch	23	13	7		2	6		12	American Goldfinch
Evening Grosbeak			1						Evening Grosbeak
House Sparrow		2	88		21	4	40	30	House Sparrow
TOTAL SPECIES	91	90	75	67	89	86	80	71	TOTAL SPECIES
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	1315	726	1635	845	1557	1398	2042	1284	TOTAL INDIVIDUALS

ADDITIONAL MAY 1993 REPORTS

Instructions for submitting "Additional reports"

1. Individual "Additional Reports" of interesting sightings made during the month are welcomed. However, the Editor reserves the right to publish only those reports that are deemed as unusual or rare or as augmenting the reports submitted by the leaders of scheduled DFO field trips. For a guide as to the species that are of most interest, see Pages 81 through 84 of the *Lark Bunting*, Volume 27, Number 8 (May 1992).
2. The reports should be submitted in Sixth AOU Checklist order, and include the date(s) of observation, number of birds seen, sex, and plumage, if possible. Also, specific, detailed location (including county) information should be provided. Refer to the *Lark Bunting*, Volume 27, Number 10 (July 1992) for a guide to preparing written documentation to support observation of extremely rare or accidental species as well as for those species that pose difficult field identification problems.
3. Deadline for receipt of all additional reports is the fifth of the following month. They should be sent to the Editor.

Red-throated Loon 5/10 (1) Chatfield Reservoir, Douglas County JK
Common Loon 5/5 (1) Riverside Reservoir, Weld Co. JR
5/8 (1) Chatfield SRA, Jefferson County KS
Clark's Grebe 5/15 (3) Ireland Reservoir No. 5, Weld County NE
American Bittern 5/30 (1) Browns Park NWR, Moffat County BP, mo
5/? (1) west of Jackson Reservoir, Morgan County CW
Tricolored Heron 5/9 (1a) Huerfano Reservoir, Pueblo County BP (F)
Cattle Egret 5/3 (3) Lower Latham Reservoir, Weld County JkR
Green-backed Heron 5/2 (1) Olive March, Pueblo County BP
5/11 (1) Fountain Creek Regional Park, El Paso County JR
5/12 (1) Rocky Ford SWA, Otero County KS
5/17 (1) Chatfield Reservoir, Jefferson County JK
Greater White-fronted Goose 5/27 (1a) Red Lion/Jumbo Annex SWA, Logan County JkR
Oldsquaw 5/1 through 5/8 (1m) Pueblo Reservoir, Pueblo county BP, VT
5/8 (1m, 1f) near 88th Avenue and Platte River, Adams County CW, JK, WH
Surf Scoter 5/8 (2) Coors Pond, Jefferson County CW, JK, WH
Red-breasted Merganser 5/8 (1m, 1f) Coors Pond, Jefferson County CW, JK
Mississippi Kite 5/30 (1m, 1f) Cottonwood Canyon, Baca County CW
Northern Goshawk 5/8 (1) Old Lake Isabel Road, Pueblo County BP, VT
Broad-winged Hawk 5/1 (1a, 2i) Lamar Community College, Prowers County BP, MJ
Peregrine Falcon 5/2 (1a) SR 392, Weld County CW, JK
5/15 (2a) Jumbo Reservoir, Sedgwick County NE
Sage Grouse 5/29 (20) near Hayden, Routt County BP, mo
Sharp-tailed Grouse 5/29 (30) near Hayden, Routt County BP, mo
Wild Turkey 5/23 & 5/24 (4) Bonny State Park, Yuma County JN
5/24 (1a, 3i) Bonny Reservoir, Yuma County JR
Scaled Quail 5/1 through 5/31 Pueblo West, Pueblo County BP
Virginia Rail 5/15 (3) Ireland Reservoir, Weld County DF
Sandhill Crane 5/8 (1) Colorado City, Pueblo County BP, VT
Black-bellied Plover 5/8 (2a) Prewitt Reservoir, Washington County CW, JK
5/15 (1) pond west of Anton on US 36, ?? County JM, JT
5/15 (6) Little Jumbo Reservoir, Logan County NE
5/22 (1) Lake Cheraw, Otero County BP, mo
Snowy Plover 5/3 (1) Farm pond at County Roads 18 and 53, Weld County JkR
5/13 (4) Cheraw Reservoir, Otero County KS
5/22 (8) Lake Cheraw, Otero County BP, mo
Semipalmated Plover 5/1 (8) Chatfield SRA, Jefferson County KS
5/13 (4) Cheraw Reservoir, Otero County KS
5/15 (1) Little Jumbo Reservoir, Logan County NE

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- Piping Plover 5/1 (2) Nee Noshe Reservoir, Kiowa County DB
5/15 (1m) Little Jumbo Reservoir, Logan County NE
- Mountain Plover 5/4 (1) Roads 45 and 122, Weld County KS, JT
5/16 (2) Pawnee National Grasslands, Weld County NE
5/20 (10) south of Cheraw Reservoir, Otero County CW, JK
- Upland Sandpiper 5/15 (5) Logan County NE
5/27 (1) Red Lion SWA, Logan County JkR
- Whimbrel 5/3 (1) Farm pond at County Roads 42 and 45, Weld County JkR
5/3 (1) below Prospect Reservoir Dam, Weld County JkR
5/10 (1) Chatfield Reservoir, Douglas County CW, JK, SS
5/16 (4) NE of Hudson, Weld County NE
5/18 (1) Chatfield Reservoir, Douglas County CW
- Long-billed Curlew 5/3 (1) Farm pond at County Roads 18 and 53, Weld County JkR
- White-rumped Sandpiper 5/15 (1) Little Jumbo Reservoir, Logan County NE
5/27 (100+) Red Lion SWA, Weld County JkR
5/31 (21) US 36 and Road Z, Washington County CW
- Pectoral Sandpiper 5/8 (1) Huerfano Reservoir, Pueblo County BP, VT
- Stilt Sandpiper 5/13 (98b) Cheraw Reservoir, Otero County KS
5/15 (7) County Roads 42 and 45, Weld County TF
5/22 (6) Lake Cheraw, Otero County BP, mo
- Red-necked Phalarope 5/25 (20) Cherry Creek Reservoir SP, Arapahoe County JkR
- Herring Gull 5/27 (3, third summer plumage) Red Lion/Jumbo Annex SWA, Logan County JkR
- Great Black-backed Gull 5/1 through 5/8 (1i) Pueblo Reservoir, Pueblo County BP, VT
5/10 (1a) Chatfield Reservoir, Douglas and Jefferson Counties CW, JK, SS, JT (F)
- Caspian Tern 5/5 (1) Lower Latham Reservoir, Weld County JR, JH
5/25 (1a) Cherry Creek Reservoir State Park, Arapahoe County JkR
5/30 (2) Browns Park NWR, Moffat County BP, mo
- Least Tern 5/30 (2) Neeskah Reservoir, Kiowa County CW
- Band-tailed Pigeon 5/21 (10) Empire, Clear Creek County DP
5/23 (20) Percival Cabin, Custer County BP
- White-winged Dove 5/23 & 5/24 (1) Bonny State Park, Yuma County JN
- Yellow-billed Cuckoo 5/22 (1) Lake Henry, Crowley County BP
5/27 (1) Tamarack Ranch SWA, Logan County JkR
- Barn Owl 5/1 (2) Fort Lyon Wildlife Easement, Bent County BP, MJ
5/24 (1) atlas block north of Cope, Washington County JR
- Flammulated Owl 5/8 (14h) Beulah, Pueblo County BP, VT
5/22 (2h) near St. Vrain Canyon, Boulder County KH, SL
5/31 (1) Golden Gate Canyon State Park, Gilpin County AH, PH
- Eastern Screech-Owl 5/20 (1) Wheat Ridge Greenbelt, Jefferson County CW, JK
5/23 & 5/24 (2) Bonny State Park, Yuma County JN
- Western Screech-Owl 5/8 (1 + 1h) Burnt Mill Road, Pueblo County BP, VT
- Spotted Owl 5/8 (2h) Beulah, Pueblo County BP, VT (F)
- Long-eared Owl 5/21 (2 + 1h) Hamilton Atlas Block, Moffat County DB
- Short-eared Owl 5/24 (1) 5 mi west of Bonny Reservoir, Yuma County JR
- Northern Saw-Whet Owl 5/8 (1 + 3h) Beulah, Pueblo County BP, VT
- Common Poorwill 5/8 (12h) Burnt Mill Road, Pueblo County BP, VT
5/20 (1) Crow Valley Campground, Briggsdale, Weld County JkR, TC, SJ
- Chimney Swift 5/14 through 5/21 (3) 40th and York, Denver County TF
5/15 (6) Sterling, Logan County NE
- Lewis' Woodpecker 5/21 (2) White Ranch Open Space, Jefferson County AH
5/29 (1) White Ranch Open Space, Jefferson County AH
- Red-headed Woodpecker 5/21 (1) 11441 Tower Road, Adams County JT
5/29 (1a) near east parking lot of White Ranch Park, Jefferson County JK, MB

- Red-bellied Woodpecker 5/12 (1) Lamar, Prowers County JR
 5/13 (1) Bonny Reservoir, Yuma County JR
- Ladder-backed Woodpecker 5/11 (2) Cottonwood Canyon, Baca County JR
 5/29 (1f) Tobe Atlas Block, Las Animas County CW
- Three-toed Woodpecker 5/8 (1f) Old Lake Isabel Road, Pueblo County BP, VT
- Olive-sided Flycatcher 5/14 (1) Bonny Reservoir, Yuma County DB
- Willow Flycatcher 5/24 (1, calling) Barr Lake SP, Adams County JkR, HK
- Least Flycatcher 5/23 & 5/24 (1) Bonny State Park, Yuma County JN
- Gray Flycatcher 5/30 (2) east of Browns Park NWR, Moffat County BP, DB
- Eastern Phoebe 5/1 through 5/31 Castlewood Canyon SP, Douglas County JkR
 5/4 (1) Waterton Canyon, Jefferson and Douglas Counties BR
 5/23 & 5/24 (1) Bonny State Park, Yuma County JN
- Ash-throated Flycatcher 5/15 (1) Bonny State Reservoir, Yuma County JT
 5/30 (3) east of Brown's Park NWR, Moffat County BP, DB
- Great Crested Flycatcher 5/14 (1h) Chatfield Reservoir, Douglas County JK
 5/24 (2) Bonny Reservoir, Yuma County JR
 5/27 (1) Tamarack Ranch SWA, Logan County JkR
- Cassin's Kingbird 5/8 (1) northeast of Agate, Elbert County AS
- Purple Martin 5/12 & 5/13 (2m) Rocky Ford SWA, Otero County KS (F)
- Gray Jay 5/23 (1) Percival Cabin, Custer County BP
- Bewick's Wren 5/12 (1) Rocky Ford SWA, Otero County KS
- Marsh Wren 5/30 (1) Prospect Reservoir, Weld County AS
- Eastern Bluebird 5/10 (2) Prewitt Reservoir, Washington County JR
- Veery 5/15 (1) Fountain Creek Regional Park, El Paso County BP, MJ
 5/15 (1) Prewitt SWA, Washington County NE
 5/24 (3) Crow Valley, Weld County JR
- Gray-cheeked Thrush 5/1 (1) Lamar Community College, Prowers County BP, MJ (F)
 5/13 (1) Bonny Reservoir, Yuma County JR
- Curve-billed Thrasher 5/1 through 5/31 (2) Pueblo West, Pueblo County BP
- American Pipit 5/4 (3) Roads 45 and 122, Weld County KS, JT
- Cedar Waxwing 5/? (16) 4400 BowMar Drive, Littleton, Jefferson County TJ
- White-eyed Vireo 5/8 (1a) Prewitt Reservoir, Washington County CW, JK, WH (F)
- Bell's Vireo 5/15 (1) Tamarack SWA, Logan County NE
 5/23 & 5/24 (2) Bonny State Park, Yuma County JN
- Yellow-throated Vireo 5/12 (1) Fountain Creek Regional Park, El Paso County KS
 5/13 (1) Rocky Ford SWA, Otero County KS
 5/20 (1) Crow Valley Campground, Briggsdale, Weld County JkR, TC, SJ
- Golden-winged Warbler 5/16 (1m) Crow Valley Campground, Pawnee National Grasslands, Weld County NE
 5/18 (1f) Waterton Road, Douglas County KS
- Tennessee Warbler 5/13 (1) Bonny Reservoir, Yuma County JR
- Nashville Warbler 5/2 (1) Bonny Reservoir, Yuma County DB
 5/14 (1) Bonny SRA, Yuma County KS
 5/15 (1) Muir Springs Park, Fort Morgan, Morgan County NE
- Chestnut-sided Warbler 5/1 (1f) Lamar Community College, Prowers County BP, MJ
 5/8 (1m) Lake Beckwith, Colorado City, Pueblo County BP, VT
- Magnolia Warbler 5/16 (1m) Bonny SRA, Yuma County KS
- Black-throated Blue Warbler 5/10 (1m) Bonny Reservoir, Yuma County DB
- Black-throated Gray Warbler 5/8 (1) Prewitt Reservoir, Washington County CW, JK, WH
 5/21 (1f) Apex Trail, Jefferson County KS
 5/30 (2) east of Browns Park NWR, Moffat County BP, DB
- Townsend's Warbler 5/1 (1m) Rocky Ford SWA, Otero County BP, MJ
 5/9 (2) Lair o' the Bear Open Space Park, Jefferson County PE
 5/20 (1) Barr Lake State Park, Adams County JT

Palm Warbler 5/1 (1) Rocky Ford SWA, Otero County BP, MJ
 5/8 (1) Prewitt Reservoir, Washington County CW, JK, WH
 Blackpoll Warbler 5/12 (1m, 1f) Two Buttes Reservoir, Baca County JR
 5/12 (1m) Fountain Creek Regional Park, El Paso County KS
 5/16 (1) Crow Valley Campground, Pawnee National Grasslands, Weld County NE
 5/20 (1m) Fountain Creek Regional Park, El Paso County CW, JK, WH
 Worm-eating Warbler 5/1 (1) Lamar Community College, Prowers County BP, MJ (F)
 5/14 (1) Bonny State Reservoir, Yuma County JT
 Ovenbird 5/8 (1) Prewitt Reservoir, Washington County CW, JK
 5/17 (1, singing) 2695 Newland St., Denver County PE
 5/17 (1, singing) Hannah Ranch SWA, El Paso County BP, TB
 5/20 (1) Crow Valley, Weld County JR
 Northern Waterthrush 5/8 (3) Prewitt Reservoir, Washington County CW, JK
Red-faced Warbler 5/3 (1a) Wheat Ridge Greenbelt, Jefferson County DS, mo (F)
Hepatic Tanager 5/15 (1m) Pueblo City Park, Pueblo County BP, MJ, VT (F)
 5/29 (1m, 1f) Tobe Atlas Block, Las Animas County CW
 Summer Tanager 5/24 (1m) 2695 Newland St., Denver County PE
 Scarlet Tanager 5/20 (1m) Lake Henry, Crowley County JK, CW
 Northern Cardinal 5/8 (1m) Bonny Reservoir, Yuma County DB
 5/13 (1m, singing) Bonny Reservoir, Yuma County JR
 5/23 & 5/24 (1) Bonny State Park, Yuma County JN
 Rose-breasted Grosbeak 5/15 (1m) south of Briggsdale, Weld County DF, TF
 5/15 (1m, 1f) Pueblo City Park, Pueblo County BP, MJ, VT
 5/17 (1m, singing) Chatfield Reservoir, Jefferson County JK
 Canyon Towhee 5/1 through 5/31 (2 nesting) Pueblo West, Pueblo County BP
 Cassin's Sparrow 5/8 (1) Vineland, Pueblo County BP, VT
 5/27 (1, calling and "larking") Tamarack Ranch SWA, Logan County JkR
 Field Sparrow 5/2 (1) Bonny Reservoir, Yuma County DB
Black-throated Sparrow 5/1 (1) south of La Junta, Otero County BP, MJ
 Fox Sparrow 5/28 (1, singing) Drowsy Water Ranch near Granby, Grand County PE
 White-throated Sparrow 5/1 (1) Rocky Ford SWA, Otero County BP
 5/13 (1) Bonny Reservoir, Yuma County JR
 McCown's Longspur 5/? (8) Pawnee National Grasslands, Weld County NE
 Chestnut-collared Longspur 5/? (3) Pawnee National Grasslands, Weld County NE
 Bobolink 5/15 (1m) Murphy's Pasture, Pawnee National Grassland, Weld County TF
 5/27 (2m, 1f carrying nesting material) Tamarack Ranch SWA, Logan County JkR
 5/31 (10m) Castlewood Canyon, Douglas County BP, DJ
 Great-tailed Grackle 5/4 (1m, 2f) Lower Latham Reservoir, Weld County KS, JT
 5/23 & 5/24 (5) Bonny State Park, Yuma County JN
 Northern Oriole "Baltimore" race 5/? Tamarack SWA, Logan County NE
 Pine Siskin 5/27 through 5/31 (12) 4400 BowMar Drive, Littleton, Jefferson County TJ

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 h = heard only, i = immature, m = male, n = nesting

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Call the Colorado Bird Report at 279-3076 before going on a field trip to determine if there have been any cancellations or changes in schedules.

Carpool if possible so the leader will have few cars to keep track of and get parked at stops. Carpooling also saves gasoline and reduces air pollution. Stay reasonably close to the group whether in cars or on foot.

DO NOT LEAVE THE GROUP WITHOUT NOTIFYING THE LEADER.

Everyone is expected to share in the mileage expenses on scheduled DFO field trips. The suggested share is 10 cents per mile divided by the number of people in the car including the driver.

JULY DFO FIELD TRIPS

July 3 through July 5, Saturday through Monday. North Park, Arapaho NWR, and Colo. State Forest. Leader: Bob Spencer (279-4682). Meet at 0900 on Saturday at Safeway parking lot in Fraser. Spend Saturday and Sunday nights in Walden (North Park Motel 1-723-4271) or camp in primitive campground one mile north of town. Call leader if going. Bring lunch for three days. Park pass required for Colorado State Forest.

July 10, Saturday. Park County: Jefferson, Georgia Pass, and Hack Ranch. Leader: Carol Hack (777-7893). Meet at 0700 to carpool east of Pancake House in Bear Valley Shopping Center (on South Sheridan just north of US 285). Meet leader at 0830 across US 285 from Texaco station in Jefferson. *

July 11, Sunday. Pawnee Grasslands, Crow Valley. Leader: Ben Moore (989-0269). Meet to carpool at 0700 at east end of north parking lot of Denver Museum of Natural History at City Park. *

July 14, Wednesday. Genesee Mountain and Stapleton Drive. Leaders: Joe and Norma Kamby (421-5961). Meet at 0730 at the Park-and-Ride on the west side of Ward Road just north of I-70 and West 44th Avenue. *

July 17, Saturday. Filius Park, Echo Lake, and Summit Lake. Leader: Lynn Willcockson (757-7000). Meet at 0730 at Park-and-Ride on Union just south of West 6th Avenue, or at 0800 at Filius Park. *

July 18, Sunday. Barr Lake State Park. Leader: Jackie King (287-1644). Carpool at 0700 at east end of north parking lot of Museum of Natural History at City Park. Meet leader at 0745 at Nature Center in park. Bring water. + *

July 24, Saturday. Burland Ranchettes. Leader: Ruth Breckon (455-0970). Meet at 0700 to carpool east of Pancake House in Bear Valley Shopping Center (on South Sheridan just north of US 285). Meet leader at 0745 in the Safeway parking lot on Conifer. *

July 25, Sunday. High Country Birding - Silverthorne area. Leader: Virginia Bleck (320-6130). Carpool at 0630 at the Park-and-Ride on the east side of Union just south of West 6th Avenue, or meet at 0800 at parking lot of the Wendy's in Silverthorne. *

July 31, Saturday. Rocky Mountain National Park. Leader: Ed Holub (979-2194). Meet to carpool at 0615 south of West 38th Avenue on Vance Street (one block east of Wadsworth). Park on street east of church parking lot. Meet group at 0800 at Visitor's Center east of Beaver Meadows entrance to park. US Park Pass required for each vehicle. *

July 31 and August 1, Saturday and Sunday. Tamarack Ranch, Red Lion, and Jumbo Reservoir SWAs. Leader: Jack Reddall (771-5308). Meet at 0630 on Saturday at hunters' checkstation at Tamarack Ranch SWA (one-half mile north of Crook exit from I-76). Camping at meeting place or at Jumbo Reservoir SWA. Motels in Sterling or Julesburg. Call leader if going. A \$3.00 SWA permit is required for vehicles entering Jumbo Reservoir SWA. Bring lunch for two days.

* = Bring Lunch, + = Half-Day Trip

Submitted By:
Ruth Breckon (455-0970)
Mort Staatz (279-6169)

WELCOME TO THE D.F.O.

PURPOSE: The prime objective of the club is to promote interest in the study and preservation of birds and their habitats. Members are encouraged to learn about birds in the field noting species and numbers and at the same time learning their songs and calls as well as habits and habitats.

REGULAR MEETINGS: The general meetings are held each month (except June, July, August and December) at 7:30 PM at the Denver Museum of Natural History. Dates and subjects of the meetings are reported on the Colorado Bird Report (279-3076) and in the club bulletin. The meetings are open to the public without charge.

FIELD TRIPS: These are scheduled for almost every Saturday and Sunday throughout the year to a variety of habitats near Denver. Occasionally special trips are arranged to good birding areas in other parts of Colorado. Usually it is necessary to bring a lunch and to wear sturdy hiking shoes or boots. Carpooling is encouraged to get the most from bird watching as well as to save time and energy. Carpooling cost is 10 cents per mile divided by the number of passengers including the driver.

BULLETIN: A monthly bulletin, *The Lark Bunting*, is issued listing field trips scheduled. A complete list of birds seen on the previous month's trips is given in checklist order as are interesting sightings reported by members.

D.F.O. COLORADO BIRD REPORT (303-279-3076)

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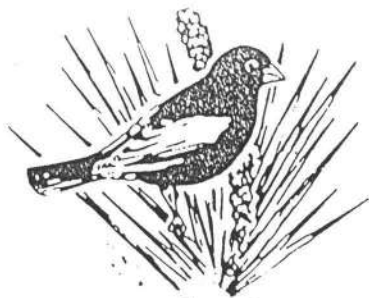
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by Mary Kay Waddington

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June 1993 Field Trip Summary

June 2, Wednesday (ARV)

Arkansas River Valley. Leader: Duane Nelson. Observers: Don Beltz, Wes Beltz (Pennsylvania), Joe Himmel, Pearle Sandstrom-Smith, Sylvia Wheelock, Dave Johnson, Janis Steenberg (Rock Springs, WY). (Clear AM, Thunderstorms PM; Wind E to 64 kph; 14 to 31°C). 225 km by car, 3.2 km on foot. 0900-1700. (83 species; 2,561 individuals)

June 5, Saturday (WCL)

Weld County Lakes. Leaders: Bill and Inez Prather. Observers: Ferd Dirckx, Jo Dirckx, Jean Frazier, Walt Hackney, Hope Leighton, Karleen Schofield, Steve Snyder, Mort Staatz. (Mostly to partly cloudy; Calm; 21 to 27°C). 187 km by car, 1.6 km on foot. 0745-1545. (68 species; 1,769 individuals)

June 6, Sunday (APX)

Apex Park. Leader: Warren Finch. Observers: Jean Frazier, Wendell Hoag, Dick Schottler, Shirley Sekarajasingham, Bob Spencer. (Partly cloudy; Wind W 0 to 16 kph; 7 to 19°C). 0 km by car, 9.6 km on foot. 0600-1200. (56 species; 322 individuals)

June 9, Wednesday (CSR)

Chatfield State Recreation Area. Leader: Anne Southcott. Observer: Ken Brink (Iowa). (Sunny to rainy; Wind 0 to 24 kph; 14 to 25°C). 24 km by car, 4.8 km on foot. 0745-1245. (53 species; 449 individuals)

June 12, Saturday (FCP)

Fountain Creek Regional Park and Colorado Springs State Wildlife Area. Leaders: Ed Holub, Karleen Schofield. Observers: Kitty Albee, Marlene Eggerling, Wendell Hoag, Tim Kuesel, Myron and Suzi Plooster, Kim Potter, Shirley Sekarajasingham, Vito Tursi, Chuck Walters, Sylvia Wheelock. (Mostly sunny; Wind S 0 to 16 kph; 19 to 34°C). 49.1 km by car, 6.4 km on foot. 0730-1500. (58 species; 522 individuals)

June 13, Sunday (LYO)

Lyons area. Leader: Raymond Davis. Observers: Ed Bowditch, Sharon Dooley, Jake Edge, Marlene Eggerling, Wendell Hoag, David Pantle, Steve Snyder, Shirley Sekarajasingham, Joe TenBrink, Vito Tursi. (Clear; Wind 0 to 8 kph; 15 to 17°C). 24 km by car, 4.8 km on foot. 0815-1515. (58 species; 300 individuals)

June 19, Saturday (BAR)

Barr Lake State Park. Leaders: Lee & Marilyn Rowe. Observers: Len Carlson, Gail Evans, Howard Frisch, Wendell Hoag, Anne Lucchesi, Dave Rhoades, Shirley Sekarajasingham. (Sunny; Calm; 10 to 24°C). 17.7 km by car, 4.8 km on foot. 0800-1215. (44 species; 501 individuals)

June 20, Sunday (ABB)

Atwood Breeding Atlas Block. Leader: Norm Erthal. (Clear; Calm; 16 to 30°C). 320 km by car, 1.6 km on foot. 0800-1400. (39 species; 497 individuals)

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The Denver Field Ornithologists was organized as the Colorado Bird Club in 1935, and membership is open to anyone interested in the birds of the Denver area in particular, and the birds of Colorado in general. The organization presents monthly evening programs (except in the summer) and conducts about 100 field trips annually.

Regular individual or family membership is \$10.00 per year. Senior citizen (age 65 or older) is \$8.00 per year. Student (age 18 or younger) membership is \$5.00 per year. Applications for membership should be sent to the Treasurer (see address below). A membership application form is usually attached to the back of the *Lark Bunting*.

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June 23, Wednesday (GGF & GGM)
Golden Gate Canyon foothills and mountains.
Leader: Al Hay. Observers: Don Beltz, Chuck and Emily Durham, Gail Evans, Howard Frisch, Bob and Helen Geick, Glenn and Jeane Hageman, Dee Hay, JB Hayes, Jean Hoover, David Laliberte, Mort Staatz, Joe TenBrink, Chris Wood, Amy Young.
(Clear to partly cloudy; Wind 0 to 24 kph; 14 to 28°C). 80 km by car, 4.8 km on foot. 8 hours of birding. (68 species; 237 individuals)

June 26, Saturday (HAR)
Hessie area and Arapahoe Ranch. Leader: Bob Jickling. Observers: Glenn and Jean Hageman, Stan and Betty Harwood, Mona Nielsen, Steven Segal, Shirley Sekarajasingham, Ralph and Emilie Wiersma. (Clear; Wind W 0 to 10 kph; 10 to 18°C). 12 km by car, 3 km on foot. 0830-1430.
(38 species; 188 individuals)

June 27, Sunday (BCK)
Bear Creek, plains to foothills. Leader: Cal Wichern. Observers: Kitty Albee, Marilyn Clark, Jeff Knight, Betty Marsland, Margie Mills, Gordon Wichern. (Sunny, hot; Calm; 15 to 30°C). 64 km by car, 4.8 km on foot. 0800-1400. (41 species; 238 individuals)

Tuesday Birders Trips
(Compiled by Monna Krebs)

June 1. Ken Caryl Ranch. (KCR) Leaders: Ann Bonnell and Ranger Allen Hollingsworth. 43 observers. 33 species, 178 individuals.

June 8. Boulder - Bobolink Trail, Walden and Sombrero Ponds. Leaders: Ann Bonnell and Ferd Dirckx. 47 observers. 55 species, 419 individuals.

June 15. Estes Park - McGraw Ranch, Cow Creek Trail, Rocky Mountain National Park, and Prather Ashe property. Leaders: Betsy and Prather Ashe, and Ann Bonnell. 47 observers. 47 species, 241 individuals.

June 22. Los Lagos near Rollinsville. Leaders: Phyllis Baldwin and Ann Bonnell. 43 observers. 34 species, 176 individuals.

June 29. Sedalia Jarr Canyon to Indian Creek Campground, Pine Creek near Sprucewood. Leader: Ann Bonnell. 30 observers. 43 species, 147 individuals.

JUNE HIGHLIGHTS

A total of 167 species was reported from the 11 scheduled field trips in June. Of the species seen by the Tuesday Birders, 11 were seen on no DFO trip, making a total of 178 species shown on Table 1 (Pages 100-104). In addition, 23 species were reported as additional sightings, and not reported on any DFO trip. Thus, 201 species were reported to the DFO for the month of June.

Aaron Sell reports a Monk Parakeet on June 23rd at Waterton in Jefferson county. On the same day in the same locale, Aaron saw a Lazuli X Indigo Bunting hybrid. Details submitted include blue throat and breast, and a white belly. No cinnamon was present between the blue and white.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you wish to contribute to a memorial fund for Thompson Marsh, please send a check to the treasurer, made out to DFO with a memo to the Marsh Fund. Since Thompson made use of the Bird Alert in compiling his impressive life list, a gift to it would be appropriate as well.

Programs for the next two years are now being planned. If you have any ideas or suggestions, please call David Pantle at 333-8352. Please suggest speakers or topics which you would find interesting. Perhaps you would like to discuss presenting a program yourself, such as documenting with slides to share with others a special trip which you will be taking. Does anyone know of persons in this area with slides about southeast Arizona, Point Pelee, or the Dry Tortugas?

Five DFO members and a staunch friend spent two weeks in Alaska from June 5 to June 20, during which time 137 species were observed. Dr. Ted Cooper, Kathy Hawkins, Jack and Dorothy Reddall, Chris Wood, and Sylvia Sather (our ally and good friend) visited the Homer area, Anchorage, Nome, and Gambell (St. Lawrence Island). Some of the more notable species seen were one Short-tailed Shearwater, fifteen Emperor Geese, a pair of nesting Gyrfalcons, Pacific Golden-Plover (also nesting), three bristle-thighed Curlews, two Rufous-necked Stints, four Slaty-backed Gulls, a male Bluethroat, and six White Wagtails.

The DFO is planning a field trip over the Labor Day weekend, hopefully to Baca County. Mark it on your calendar!

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Contributions to the COLORADO BIRD REPORT in June:

Robert T. and Lea Ann Brown
Tuesday Birders

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Table 1 includes the data collected in June on the 11 scheduled DFO field trips and 5 Tuesday Birders field trips.

Abbreviations used in this table: a = adult, f = female, h = heard only, i = immature, m = male, n = on nest

DATE	2	5	6	9	12	13	19	20	23	23	26	27	1	8	15	22	29	DATE
AREA COVERED	ARV	WCL	APX	CSR	FCP	LYO	BAR	ABB	GGF	GGM	HAR	BCK	KCR	BWS	EST	LLR	SED	AREA COVERED
Pied-billed Grebe	2	4			1									5a2i				Pied-billed Grebe
Eared Grebe	8	1										2						Eared Grebe
Western Grebe	3	6					7											Western Grebe
Clark's Grebe	1	10																Clark's Grebe
American White Pelican	200	60					20					32	1	2				American White Pelican
Double-cr. Cormorant	4	10		83	4		10					2	2	6			1	Double-cr. Cormorant
Great Blue Heron	4	6		47	18	1	10	1										Great Blue Heron
Snowy Egret		2												2				Snowy Egret
Black-cr. Night-Heron				4			1											Black-cr. Night-Heron
White-faced Ibis	2	16										10		53				White-faced Ibis
Canada Goose		60		36	25		40							3a10i				Canada Goose
Wood Duck					3													Wood Duck
Green-winged Teal	30	10																Green-winged Teal
Mallard	10	150	1	8	11	9	32	4	1	5a6i	1	40	4	20a4i	1a7i			Mallard
Northern Pintail	6	8																Northern Pintail
Blue-winged Teal	16	35		1										1				Blue-winged Teal
Cinnamon Teal	2	25					1											Cinnamon Teal
Northern Shoveler	40	15																Northern Shoveler
Gadwall	4	12																Gadwall
American Widgeon		2												1				American Widgeon
Redhead	15	1												1				Redhead
Ring-necked Duck										2								Ring-necked Duck
Lesser Scaup		1												1f				Lesser Scaup
Bufflehead																		Bufflehead
Common Merganser				8a22i								1						Common Merganser
Ruddy Duck	1	6																Ruddy Duck
Turkey Vulture	2			13		1			1			3	2	1	1			Turkey Vulture
Mississippi Kite	3																	Mississippi Kite
Bald Eagle							1ni											Bald Eagle
Northern Harrier		3					1	2										Northern Harrier
Sharp-shinned Hawk		1																Sharp-shinned Hawk
Cooper's Hawk			2															Cooper's Hawk
Northern Goshawk											1							Northern Goshawk
Swainson's Hawk	9	32		1	1		5	1				2	1					Swainson's Hawk

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Red-tailed Hawk western races		4	1	2	2	2	1	1	1a2i		2	2			2	3		4	Red-tailed Hawk western races
Ferruginous Hawk		3													1				Ferruginous Hawk
Golden Eagle						2a2i									1				Golden Eagle
American Kestrel	6	10	2	2	3	2	3	1	1			1			1	2			American Kestrel
Peregrine Falcon	1																		Peregrine Falcon
Ring-necked Pheasant	2						1h												Ring-necked Pheasant
Blue Grouse			1																Blue Grouse
Northern Bobwhite								4											Northern Bobwhite
Virginia Rail					1										1a2i				Virginia Rail
Sora		2																	Sora
American Coot	10	40			8		4								11				American Coot
Sandhill Crane				1															Sandhill Crane
Snowy Plover	8																		Snowy Plover
Piping Plover	13																		Piping Plover
Killdeer	50	32	1	2	1		2	5	1			2			8a1i				Killdeer
American Avocet	15	26		1											6a4i				American Avocet
Spotted Sandpiper	20	3		1	1		1	3		2				2	2	1h			Spotted Sandpiper
Whimbrel	1																		Whimbrel
Long-billed Curlew	6																		Long-billed Curlew
Sanderling	1																		Sanderling
White-rmpd. Sandpiper	200	13																	White-rmpd. Sandpiper
Stilt Sandpiper	4																		Stilt Sandpiper
Wilson's Phalarope	4	20																	Wilson's Phalarope
Red-necked Phalarope	1	2																	Red-necked Phalarope
Franklin's Gull	2	26																	Franklin's Gull
Ring-billed Gull	4	55		30															Ring-billed Gull
California Gull	40	1					12												California Gull
Herring Gull	1																		Herring Gull
Forster's Tern	1																		Forster's Tern
Least Tern	9																		Least Tern
Black Tern	8	3																	Black Tern
Rock Dove	4	40	10		4	10	10	15	4		2	8		2	2			2	Rock Dove
Mourning Dove	20	20	2	2	5	5	28	45	2			10		4	2	2		1	Mourning Dove
Eastern Screech-Owl																			Eastern Screech-Owl
Great-Horned Owl	2			1	4			2											Great-Horned Owl
Burrowing Owl	2																		Burrowing Owl
Common Nighthawk	4	1		1	5	1									21		2		Common Nighthawk
Chimney Swift					1														Chimney Swift
White-throated Swift	10					10								12		12			White-throated Swift
Brd.-tailed Hummingbird			5	1	2	3			6	2	25					20	9	3a2i	Brd.-tailed Hummingbird
Belted Kingfisher				2		1		2				4						3	Belted Kingfisher

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Lewis' Woodpecker Rd-head. Woodpecker Red-bellid. Woodpecker Red-naped Sapsucker Williamsn's Sapsucker	1				3	7		3		1n 2n	3				4 3	1m 2		Lewis' Woodpecker Rd-head. Woodpecker Red-bellid. Woodpecker Red-naped Sapsucker Williamsn's Sapsucker
Downy Woodpecker Hairy Woodpecker Northern Flicker "Yellow-shafted" race "Red-shafted" race	3			1	4	4	6	3	1	1		1	4	4n 3	1 3	2 3 3	1 4	Downy Woodpecker Hairy Woodpecker Northern Flicker "Yellow-shafted" race "Red-shafted" race
Red/Yellow intergrade Olive-sided Flycatcher Western Wood-Pewee Willow Flycatcher Hammond's Flycatcher			1 4 1		1 3		1 5+1n				1	4			2 2			Red/Yellow intergrade Olive-sided Flycatcher Western Wood-Pewee Willow Flycatcher Hammond's Flycatcher
Dusky Flycatcher Cordilleran Flycatcher Say's Phoebe Western Kingbird Eastern Kingbird	50 4	20 4	5		1 8 3	4 1 16		25 8 12		5	2				2		2+1n	Dusky Flycatcher Cordilleran Flycatcher Say's Phoebe Western Kingbird Eastern Kingbird
Horned Lark Tree Swallow Violet-Green Swallow Northern R-wgd Swallow	500	10		1 2	25 18		2			4n 4 4	23			13 3 1	2 20	2	2	Horned Lark Tree Swallow Violet-Green Swallow Northern R-wgd Swallow
Cliff Swallow Barn Swallow Steller's Jay Blue Jay Scrub Jay	500 10 1	40 30	25 25 12 2	12 6	75 10	40 2	25 3	8 10	8 1	4n 3		4 2 2	37 8	57 16 1	1 2		20 4 1 1	Cliff Swallow Barn Swallow Steller's Jay Blue Jay Scrub Jay
Black-billed Magpie American Crow Chihuahuan Raven Common Raven Black-cap. Chickadee	10 2 16	2	10 5 1	14 2	6 3	1 4	18	12	1	2 2	5 1	7 2	8 3 1 6	5 2	3 2 4 6	2 35 7	5 2 12	Black-billed Magpie American Crow Chihuahuan Raven Common Raven Black-cap. Chickadee
Mountain Chickadee Red-br. Nuthatch White-br. Nuthatch Pygmy Nuthatch Brown Creeper			4 3			4 1			3 1	2 5n	7 3 4	1 3			12 4 6	6 1 4 8 2	1 3 6	Mountain Chickadee Red-br. Nuthatch White-br. Nuthatch Pygmy Nuthatch Brown Creeper
Rock Wren Canyon Wren House Wren Marsh Wren American Dipper	3	1 50	1	2	15	17 1	3	23	10	2	4n	6 1	2 2 1	3	4		1	Rock Wren Canyon Wren House Wren Marsh Wren American Dipper

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Ruby-crowned Kinglet									2		12				10	5		Ruby-crowned Kinglet
Western Bluebird															1		1	Western Bluebird
Mountain Bluebird			2			4				3n	11				14	3	1	Mountain Bluebird
Townsend's Solitaire			1						2		1	2				1		Townsend's Solitaire
Hermit Thrush																2		Hermit Thrush
American Robin	4	5	11	14	55	8	10	10	6	7	14	12	1	2a1i	14	9	6	American Robin
Gray Catbird	1		1	1		3												Gray Catbird
Northern Mockingbird	4																	Northern Mockingbird
Sage Thrasher			1															Sage Thrasher
Brown Thrasher	4							5										Brown Thrasher
Cedar Waxwing				5	2	4								1			1	Cedar Waxwing
Loggerhead Shrike	1																	Loggerhead Shrike
European Starling	20	50	5	9	50	10	40	50	4		2	15	9	17			15	European Starling
Solitary Vireo						2			1									Solitary Vireo
Warbling Vireo			10		2	3		4	4	1	9				4		4+1n	Warbling Vireo
Red-eyed Vireo					1	1			1					1				Red-eyed Vireo
Virginia's Warbler			5															Virginia's Warbler
Yellow Warbler		4	2	8	15	20	8		1								1	Yellow Warbler
Yellow-rumped Warbler															1			Yellow-rumped Warbler
"Myrtle" race																		"Myrtle" race
"Audubon's" race										6	1			2	2		2	"Audubon's" race
Ovenbird																	3	Ovenbird
MacGillivray's Warbler			2						2		2							MacGillivray's Warbler
Common Yellowthroat		16			7		1+2h							3				Common Yellowthroat
Wilson's Warbler										1	6							Wilson's Warbler
Yellow-breasted Chat			4	2	4	3			1									Yellow-breasted Chat
Western Tanager			8						2n		2							Western Tanager
Black-head. Grosbeak			5		1	3			3				4	2	4	1	1	Black-head. Grosbeak
Blue Grosbeak	4			1					1									Blue Grosbeak
Lazuli Bunting			5	3	3	3			4				1				8	Lazuli Bunting

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Indigo Bunting																	1	Indigo Bunting
Dickcissel	3																	Dickcissel
Green-tailed Towhee			10						4		1				3			Green-tailed Towhee
Rufous-sided Towhee			25	3	1	11		2	4				10				1	Rufous-sided Towhee
Cassin's Sparrow	30							4										Cassin's Sparrow
American Tree Sparrow									2	1		1			3			American Tree Sparrow
Chipping Sparrow															6	1	1	Chipping Sparrow
Brewer's Sparrow			2															Brewer's Sparrow
Vesper Sparrow						2												Vesper Sparrow
Lark Sparrow	10	15				2												Lark Sparrow
Lark Bunting	200																	Lark Bunting
Savannah Sparrow		8																Savannah Sparrow
Grasshopper Sparrow	1							2										Grasshopper Sparrow
Song Sparrow		4	2	2	4	1	2		2	2	4	3		2		1	3	Song Sparrow
Lincoln's Sparrow										2					2			Lincoln's Sparrow
White-crowned Sparrow			1												4			White-crowned Sparrow
Dark-eyed Junco										2	5				2	6	2	Dark-eyed Junco
"Gray-headed" race														6				"Gray-headed" race
Bobolink																		Bobolink
Red-winged Blackbird	15	500	2	11	30		45	100	2	4		8	8	25	4			Red-winged Blackbird
Western Meadowlark	100	20	5	12	2	5	5	20	2	1		2	10	9	4			Western Meadowlark
Yel.-headed Blackbird		60					4							13				Yel.-headed Blackbird
Brewer's Blackbird			4		1	1				5	6					1	4	Brewer's Blackbird
Great-tailed Grackle	6																	Great-tailed Grackle
Common Grackle	200	50	2	8	20	3	25	50	3			5		21	5			Common Grackle
Brown-headed Cowbird	2	15	5	2	6	9	7		3	2	3		3	3	2	6		Brown-headed Cowbird
Orchard Oriole	1				1			4										Orchard Oriole
Northern Oriole	20																	Northern Oriole
"Baltimore" race								1										"Baltimore" race
"Bullock's" race		4	5	3	5	5	36	7	4			4	3	4				"Bullock's" race
Cassin's Finch									1	2	3				6	4	1	Cassin's Finch
House Finch	2	10	10	1	7	7			4			20	4	1	2	1		House Finch
Red Crossbill															3	5		Red Crossbill
Pine Siskin			10			16			1	6	4				20	35	1	Pine Siskin
Lesser Goldfinch						6			8			1						Lesser Goldfinch
"Green-backed" race			15															"Green-backed" race
"Black-backed" race													1				4	"Black-backed" race
American Goldfinch	2	2		6	3	6	3	2	3			2		4			1	American Goldfinch
Evening Grosbeak			1															Evening Grosbeak
House Sparrow	20	70	5	4	2	6	5	40	1		1	2	5	5				House Sparrow
TOTAL SPECIES	83	68	56	53	58	58	44	39	50	36	38	41	33	55	47	34	43	TOTAL SPECIES
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	2561	1769	322	449	522	300	501	497	131	106	188	238	178	419	241	176	147	TOTAL INDIVIDUALS

ADDITIONAL JUNE 1993 REPORTS

Instructions for submitting "Additional reports"

1. Individual "Additional Reports" of interesting sightings made during the month are welcomed. However, the Editor reserves the right to publish only those reports that are deemed as unusual or rare or as augmenting the reports submitted by the leaders of scheduled DFO field trips. For a guide as to the species that are of most interest, see Pages 81 through 84 of the *Lark Bunting*, Volume 27, Number 8 (May 1992).
2. The reports should be submitted in Sixth AOU Checklist order, and include the date(s) of observation, number of birds seen, sex, and plumage, if possible. Also, specific, detailed location (including county) information should be provided. Refer to the *Lark Bunting*, Volume 27, Number 10 (July 1992) for a guide to preparing written documentation to support observation of extremely rare or accidental species as well as for those species that pose difficult field identification problems.
3. Deadline for receipt of all additional reports is the fifth of the following month. They should be sent to the Editor.

Mississippi Kite 6/5 (2) Mineral Palace Park, Pueblo County BP, VT

Chukar 6/18 (2) Cameo, Mesa County DB

Blue Grouse 6/5 (1) near Critchell, Jefferson County AH

6/6 (1) near Critchell, Jefferson County AH

6/26 (1) Percival Cabin, Custer County RP

Black Rail 6/2 (1h) Bent's Old Fort, Otero County NE

6/18 (1h) Bent's Old Fort, Otero County KS

Snowy Plover 6/6 (5) Lake Cheraw, Otero County BP, VT

Mountain Plover 6/6 (2a) 80th Avenue and Byers, Adams County JT, KS

6/6 (1a, 2i) east of Strasburg Road on 68th Avenue, Adams County JT, KS

6/6 (2) North of Cheraw, Otero County BP, VT

6/13 (3) Pueblo Ordnance Depot, Pueblo County DB

Red-necked Phalarope 6/6 (2) Lake Cheraw, Otero County BP, VT

White-winged Dove 6/26 (1s) 429 Alma Street, Pueblo, Pueblo County VT

Black-billed Cuckoo 6/20 (1) near Waterton Bridge, Platte River, Jefferson County JK

Yellow-billed Cuckoo 6/21 (1) south of Parker at Cherry Creek, Douglas County JT

6/22 (2) Waterton Bridge area, Jefferson County KS

6/28 (1) south of Parker at Cherry Creek, Douglas County JT

Flammulated Owl 6/20 (2h) Narraguinnep Mountain Atlas Block, Dolores County DB

Northern Pygmy-Owl 6/5 (1h) near Critchell, Jefferson County AH

Short-eared Owl 6/5 (1) Washington County Road KK, Washington County JK, SS

Northern Saw-Whet Owl throughout June (2a, 1 or more i) west of Fort Collins, Larimer County HB, TW

Lesser Nighthawk (probable) 6/11 (1) Carrizo Mountain, Las Animas/Baca County Line DB

Black Swift 6/3 (1) Chatfield Reservoir, Douglas County JoR

Chimney Swift 6/3 (20) Chatfield Reservoir, Douglas County JoR

Williamson's Sapsucker 6/27 (1f) Westcreek, Douglas County JT

Three-toed Woodpecker 6/5 (1m) Echo Lake Park, Clear Creek County KP, IEH

Least Flycatcher 6/20 (2 calling) Chatfield Reservoir, Jefferson County JK

Gray Vireo 6/19 (3) Bull Canyon Atlas Block, Montrose County DB

Philadelphia Vireo 6/3 (1) Fountain Creek Regional Park, El Paso County BP, TB, GM (F)

Red-eyed Vireo 6/20 (1s) Chatfield Reservoir, Jefferson County JK

Black-throated Gray Warbler 6/3 (1f) Fountain Creek Regional Park, El Paso County BP

Prothonotary Warbler 6/3 (1ms) Colorado Springs, El Paso County JR, BP, TB (F)

Lazuli X Indigo Bunting hybrid 6/23 (1m) Waterton, Jefferson County AS

Rose-breasted Grosbeak 6/3 (1m) Wheat Ridge Greenbelt, Jefferson County KS

6/3 (1m) Colorado Springs Wildlife Area, El Paso County NE

Vesper Sparrow 6/8 (20n) 2 miles east of Kiowa, Douglas County JT

Bobolink 6/1 through 6/29 (7m) Winkler Ranch, Douglas County JT

Orchard Oriole 6/14 through 6/30 (2 pairs) south of Parker at Cherry Creek JT

AH = Al Hay, AS = Aaron Sell, BP = Brandon Percival, DB = Dan Bridges, GM = George Maentz, HB = Heather Bartman, IEH = Ives and Evan Hannay, JK = Joey Kellner, JoR = Joe Roller, JR = Jo Romero, JT = Joe TenBrink, KP = Kim Potter, NE = Norm Erthal, RP = Robert Percival, SS = Steve Stachowiak, TB = Toni Brevillier, TW = Tom Wilson, VT = Van Truan

Abbreviations used: a = adult, f = female, F = form submitted, h = heard only, i = immature, m = male, n = on nest, s = singing

The following guidelines should be followed when participating in a DFO field trip:

Call the Colorado Bird Report at 279-3076 before going on a field trip to determine if there have been any cancellations or changes in schedules.

Carpool if possible so the leader will have few cars to keep track of and get parked at stops. Carpooling also saves gasoline and reduces air pollution. Stay reasonably close to the group whether in cars or on foot.

DO NOT LEAVE THE GROUP WITHOUT NOTIFYING THE LEADER.

Everyone is expected to share in the mileage expenses on scheduled DFO field trips. The suggested share is 10 cents per mile divided by the number of people in the car including the driver.

AUGUST DFO FIELD TRIPS

July 31 and August 1, Saturday and Sunday. Tamarack Ranch SWA, Red Lion SWA, and Jumbo Reservoir SWA. Leader: Jack Reddall (771-5308). Meet at 0630 on Saturday at the hunters' check station at Tamarack Ranch SWA (1/2 mile north of Crook exit off I-76). Camping at meeting place or at Jumbo Reservoir SWA; motels in Sterling and Julesburg. Call leader if going. A \$3.00 SWA permit is required for each vehicle entering Jumbo Reservoir SWA. Bring lunch for two days.

August 7, Saturday. Roxborough SRA. Leader: Mort Staatz (279-6169). Meet at 0730 at Park-and-Ride on west side of South Wadsworth, south of US 285 (Hampden), or at 0800 at Roxborough Reception Center. *

August 8, Sunday. Georgetown, Guanella Pass, and Geneva Basin. Leader: Warren Finch (233-3372). Meet at 0630 at parking lot on north side of I-70 at Morrison Road exit. *

August 14, Saturday. Wheat Ridge Greenbelt. Leaders: Glenn and Jeane Hageman (322-6589). Meet at 0800 at Prospect Park Lake south of West 44th Avenue near Robb Street.

August 15, Sunday. Chatfield SRA. Leader: JB Hayes (798-9683). Meet at 0800 at west gate of park on South Wadsworth. + \$



August 21, Saturday. Eldorado Mountain and Eldorado Canyon State Park. Lakes for early migrants after lunch. Easy walking. Leaders: Suzi and Myron Plooster (494-6708). Carpool at 0715 south of West 38th Avenue on Vance Street (one block east of Wadsworth). Park on street east of church parking lot. Meet leaders at 0800 in north parking lot of US Department of Commerce, Boulder Laboratories (from US 36 take Baseline exit, turn west, turn left at next light, cross street onto laboratory grounds). * \$

August 22, Sunday. Bear Creek from the plains to the foothills. Leader: Cal Wichern (693-3718). Meet at 0800 east of Pancake House in Bear Valley Shopping Center on east side of Sheridan just north of US 285 (Hampden). *

August 28, Saturday. Barr Lake State Park. Leader: David Pantle (333-8352). Meet at 0700 at east end of north parking lot of Denver Museum of Natural History in City Park, or at 0745 at Nature Center on Barr Lake State Park. * \$

August 29, Sunday. Northeast Colorado lakes and reservoirs. Leader: Joey Kellner (978-1748). Meet at 0530 at east end of north parking lot of Denver Museum of Natural History in City Park. Bring enough water for a long hot day. *

* = Bring Lunch, + = Half-Day Trip
\$ = Parks Pass required

Submitted By:
Mort Staatz (279-6169)
Ruth Breckon (455-0970)

DENVER FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS - Membership Information

WELCOME TO THE DFO

PURPOSE: The prime objective of the club is to promote interest in the study and preservation of birds and their habitats. Members are encouraged to learn about birds in the field noting species and numbers and at the same time learning about their songs and calls as well as habits and habitats.

REGULAR MEETINGS: The general meetings are held each month (except June, July, August, and December) at 7:30 PM at the Denver Museum of Natural History. Dates and subjects of the meetings are reported on the Colorado Bird Report (279-3076) and in *The Lark Bunting*. The meetings are open to the public without charge.

FIELD TRIPS: These are scheduled for almost every Saturday and Sunday throughout the year to a variety of habitats near Denver. Occasionally special trips are arranged to good birding areas in other parts of Colorado. Usually it is necessary to bring a lunch, and to wear sturdy hiking shoes or boots. Carpooling is encouraged to get the most from bird watching, as well as to save time and energy. Carpooling cost is 10 cents per mile divided by the number of people in the car including the driver.

BULLETIN: A monthly bulletin, *The Lark Bunting*, is issued, listing field trips scheduled. A complete list of birds seen on the previous month's trips is given in checklist order as are interesting sightings reported by members.

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

_____ Regular Family Membership - \$10.00 - (valid for next year if paid after October 1st)

_____ Senior Citizen Membership - \$8.00 - (age 65 or older)

_____ Student Membership - \$5.00 - (age 18 or younger)

_____ Contribution to the Colorado Bird Report

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REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING ON THE FIRST WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER THROUGH MAY, EXCEPT FOR DECEMBER, AT 7:30 PM, DENVER MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY, RICKETSON AUDITORIUM

NEXT MEETING, WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 1993

PROGRAM: Banding and Birding in Colima, Mexico -- Wintering Ground of Many Colorado Migrants
by Mary Kay Waddington

***** COLORADO BIRD REPORT -- 279-3076 *****

July 1993 Field Trip Summary

July 3, 4 & 5, Saturday to Monday (MNP)

Middle Park, North Park, Arapahoe Wildlife Area.

Leader: Bob Spencer. Observers: George Armbrust, Bob and Nancy Bierling, Marlene Eggerling, Harold and Betty Oliver, Shirley Spencer. (Weather mostly cool and cloudy with some rain and snow) 113 km by car, 3.2 km on foot. 27 hours birding. (85 species; 802 individuals)

July 10, Saturday (JEF)

Jefferson, Michigan Creek Campground, Georgia Pass Road, Hack Ranch, and Michigan Lakes.

Leaders: Carol Hack and Kathy Hawkins. Observers: Patty Echelmeyer, Gail Evans, Warren Finch, Howard Frisch, Walt Hackney, Glenn and Jeane Hageman, Al and Dee Hay, Marta Lindsay, Don and Diana Mullineaux, Jack and Dorothy Reddall, Syl Sattler, Dick Schottler, Steven Segal, Ralph and Emilie Wiersma, Dick Williams. (no weather information reported) 69.76 km by car, 4.8 km on foot. 0830-1630. (78 species; 718 individuals)

July 11, Sunday (PNG)

Pawnee National Grasslands. Leader: Ben Moore. Observers: Jeff McKnight, Chuck Walters. (Clear to cloudburst; Wind NW 4.8 kph; 16 to 27°C) 269.12 km by car, 1.6 km on foot. 0700-1600. (41 species; 570 individuals)

July 14, Wednesday (GEN)

Ward Road and I-70 to Genessee Park and Stapleton Drive. Leaders: Joe and Norma Kamby. Observers: John and Mary Jane Black, Gail Evans,

Howard Frisch, Chuck Walters. (Overcast to partly cloudy with rain and hail in PM; Wind NW 0 to 29 kph; 13 to 18°C) 37 km by car, .8 km on foot. 0730-1400. (50 species, 377 individuals)

July 17, Saturday (FIL)

Filius Park, Squaw Mountain, Echo Lake, Summit Lake, and West Chicago Creek. Leader: Lynn Willcockson. Observers: Kitty Albee, George Armbrust, Marilynn Clark, Marlene Eggerling, Al and Dee Hay, Glenn and Jeane Hageman, Hap Hruby, Margie Mills, Warren Roske, Shirley Sekarajasingham, Chuck and Margaret Walters. (Cloudy in AM at lower elevations, partly cloudy above ~3000m, cloudy and rain in PM; Wind E 0 to 32 kph; 8 to 13°C) 106.26 km by car, 4.8 km on foot. 0800-1500. (43 species; 183 individuals)

July 18, Sunday (BAR)

Barr Lake State Park. Leader: Jackie King. Observers: Patty Echelmeyer, Ellie Walker. (Overcast then sunny; Wind NW 8 to 12.88 kph; 19 to 35°C). 78.89 km by car, 2.4 km on foot. 0700-1400. (59 species; 1765 individuals)

July 24, Saturday (BRC)

Burland Ranchettes. Leader: Ruth Breckon. Observers: Mary Dexter, Joe and Norma Kamby, Jeff Knight, Fern Maher, Alberta Nelson, David and Sheila Rhoades, Warren Roske, Anne Southcott, Mort Staatz, Annette Steinbach, Evert and Julie Svenson, Eleanor White. (Overcast to clear; Wind 0 to 4.8 kph; 13 to 24°C). 29 km by car, 1.6 km on foot. 0830-1330. (33 species; 154 individuals)

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The Denver Field Ornithologists was organized as the Colorado Bird Club in 1935, and membership is open to anyone interested in the birds of the Denver area in particular, and the birds of Colorado in general. The organization presents monthly evening programs (except in the summer) and conducts about 100 field trips annually.

Regular individual or family membership is \$10.00 per year. Senior citizen (age 65 or older) is \$8.00 per year. Student (age 18 or younger) membership is \$5.00 per year. Applications for membership should be sent to the Treasurer (see address below). A membership application form is usually attached to the back of the *Lark Bunting*.

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July 25, Sunday (SLV)
Silverthorne area including Lower Cataract Lake, Blue River Campground, and Heaton Bay Picnic Area and Campground. Leader: Virginia Bleck. Observers: Gail Evans, Howard Frisch, Liz and Kent Kreider. (Cloudy AM and clear PM; Wind W 1 to 25 kph; 13 to 22°C). 96 km by car, 6.4 km on foot. 0815-1715. (55 species; 334 individuals)

July 31, Saturday (RMP)
Rocky Mountain National Park. Leader: Ed Holub. Observers: Dale Bucknam, Mary Dexter, Marlene Eggerling, Miriam Figgins, Al and Dee Hay, Fern Maher, Alberta Nelson, Mona Neilson, Bob and Shirley Spencer, Annette Steinbach, Pat Wells, Eleanor White. (Clear then partly cloudy; Wind N 0 to 8 kph; 12 to 30°C). 66 km by car, 2 km on foot. 0815-1645. (43 species; 179 individuals)

July 31, Saturday & August 1, Sunday (STR)
Sterling, Tamarack Ranch SWA, Red Lion SWA, and Jumbo SWA. Leader: Jack Reddall. Observers: Kitty Albee, Bob and Nancy Bierling, Gail Evans, Howard Frisch, Walt Hackney, Hap Hruby, Shana Kennedy, Jeff Knight, Guy McPhearson, Wayne McPhearson, Steve Segal, Roy Stahlgren, Chuck Walters. (Clear to partly cloudy; Wind variable 8 to 24 kph; 16 to 38°C). 264 km by car, 16 km on foot. 17 hours birding. (100 species; 5,223 individuals)

Tuesday Birders Trips (Compiled by Monna Krebs)

July 6. Stapleton Park/Braille Trail. (SPB) Leader: Ann Bonnell. 27 observers. 34 species; 185 individuals.

July 13. Kenosha Pass, Pond, and west on Colorado Trail. (KPP) Leader: Ann Bonnell. 21 observers. 32 species; 120 individuals.

July 20. Silverthorne and Mesa Cortina Trail. (SMC) Leader: Ann Bonnell. 23 observers. 21 species; 95 individuals.

July 27. Conifer, Kenosha Pass, Colorado Trail Campground to High Creek Fen Preserve. (CKC) Leader: Ann Bonnell. 22 observers. 27 species; 263 individuals.

JULY HIGHLIGHTS

A total of 175 species was reported from the ten scheduled field trips in July. Of the species seen by the Tuesday Birders, 2 were seen on no DFO trip, making a total of 177 species shown on Table 1 (Pages 112-114). In addition, 49 species were reported as additional sightings, and not reported on any DFO trip. Thus, 226 species were reported to the DFO for the month of July.

On the Tuesday Birders' July 27 trip to Conifer, Kenosha Pass, and High Creek Fen Preserve, a female Dark-eyed (Gray-headed) Junco was seen feeding an immature Brown-headed Cowbird.

The trip on July 31 and August 1 produced 2 male Red Crossbills, badly out of range and habitat at Tamarack Ranch SWA. Also seen on the trip was an early Herring Gull in 3rd-summer plumage.

The 6 *Empidonax* flycatchers seen on the July 25th trip to Silverthorne *et al* included 4 nestlings.

Lynn Willcockson reports 3 Rosy (Brown-capped) Finches seen at Summit Lake on the 17th. She has been leading this trip since 1971, and every year participants have seen at least one. Also up there this year were 7 Common Ravens and 4 American Pipits.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you wish to contribute to a memorial fund for Thompson Marsh, please send a check to the treasurer, made out to DFO with a memo to the Marsh Fund. Since Thompson made use of the Bird Alert in compiling his impressive life list, a gift to it would be appropriate as well.

Programs for the next two years are now being planned. If you have any ideas or suggestions, please call David Pantle at 333-8352. Please suggest speakers or topics which you would find interesting. Perhaps you would like to discuss presenting a program yourself, such as documenting with slides to share with others a special trip which you will be taking. Does anyone know of persons in this area with slides about southeast Arizona, Point Pelee, or the Dry Tortugas?

Are you interested in landscaping and yard/plant composition for birds? Tina Jones, who has considerable experience along these lines, is willing to share information with DFO members. Call her at 794-2647 for information on such topics as feeder and nest box placement, native plant selection to attract a variety of birds, plus cultivars and annuals/perennials to attract hummingbirds to the Denver suburbs.

Bill Turner is interested in trimming down his library of bird books, and would like to offer several for sale to DFO members (and others). Call Bill at 795-5128, for more information on the selection.

Next Month: Look for revised sighting report guidelines in next month's issue.

CORRECTIONS

Here are two corrections to reports listed in the May, 1993 issue of The Lark Bunting. My apologies for any trouble this may have caused. The hummingbirds reported on the May field trip to Fountain Creek Park and Colorado Springs SWA were Black-chinned Hummingbirds, not Broad-tailed Hummingbirds as shown. Also, the Stilt Sandpipers reported in Additional Reports were in breeding plumage, not basic plumage as shown.

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The following article was written by Patty Echelmeyer, David Pantle, and Lynn Willcockson in the same tradition as their earlier article about Thompson Marsh. This is such a good idea -- Let's hope they continue the series on a regular basis!

Ruth Wheeler: Bird Club Musings

We would like to share with DFO members a visit we had with Ruth on July 1, 1993, during which she recounted the history of DFO and modestly answered a few questions about herself.

Ruth joined the Colorado Mountain Club in 1932 and attended its annual spring bird trip. About 100 people would show up for this, meeting at City Park and dividing into smaller groups led by such people as Bob Rockwell, John Rishel and Bob Niedrach. She recalls that at one of these spring bird trips, Mrs. Kingery was there with "little Hugh", who was perhaps five years old.

Bob Niedrach taught an evening Ornithology class at East High, and she signed up for it with some friends. Bob would bring study skins to the East High science room, lay them out on a table, lecture about identification and behavior, and lead Saturday field trips to pick out the birds whose skins had been discussed. The class met one or two nights a week for two years, 1933 and 1934. At the end of the class it had been such a delight that many did not want it to end. Bob suggested that they form a bird club and in 1935 they did--the Colorado Bird Club.

At first, Bob led all of the field trips. They began meeting once a month in a little room at the Denver Museum of Natural History which they reached by walking through the bird room. (The Club has met at the Museum ever since.) They decided to have a Board to handle all business, to transact no business at the monthly meetings, and the Club has kept to that pretty well.

Mr. Niedrach had tremendous energy and was a true self-taught naturalist. He had wanted to be a circus performer and injured a leg trying to walk a tightrope. It was painful for him to walk, but he always stayed ahead of the group on field trips. He was very self conscious that he had no college education, but eventually he did receive an honorary Doctorate. He pioneered in museums around the country in the building of habitat cases. During the Depression, he had 40 WPA women working for him making artificial vegetation for the cases still on display on the second floor of the Museum.

There were 30-40 members in the beginning and field trips about twice a month, none in the winter. There was no bulletin; postcards were mailed out announcing field trips. Everyone worked on Saturday mornings then, so Saturday trips started at 1 p.m. and didn't go far, to places such as Red Rocks, Clear Creek in Golden, and to cemeteries such as Fairmount, Riverside, and Crown Hill. Often they would ride the street car out to the end of the line. Sometimes there were Sunday trips so they could go out all day. Favorite destinations were Barr Lake, Mile High Duck Club and the Harwood Ranch.

Catherine Hurlbutt came in the first year, although she had not been in Mr. Niedrach's class. Catherine recorded all the proceedings of the Club on a big office machine she brought to meetings. Youngsters who joined the Club included little Hugh and Nancy Hurley. A colorful member in the very early days was "Dad" Smith, who came from a pioneer Colorado family, was an early day naturalist who knew much about insects, birds and grasses, wore high boots with the ends turned up, and willed \$1,000 to the club.

After a while, participation dwindled, but Ruth continued to plan and lead trips. Then Don Thatcher arrived, and he and his wife, Hazel, revived the club, including an organized Christmas count. Earlier, as on the trips with Bob Niedrach, no club records were kept of what was seen. When Harold Holt joined the Club, he immediately started keeping records and issued a bulletin which he called "The Magpie", which listed birds seen on field trips. Thompson Marsh got the name changed from Colorado Bird Club to Denver Field Ornithologists, and planned field trips for each Saturday and Sunday.

Ruth's father grew up on a farm near Burlington, Kansas and was interested in the out-of-doors. Her parents met at Kansas Agricultural College (Kansas State College) in Manhattan, which both attended. She was born in New York City in 1899, where her parents lived for five years, but she grew up in Manhattan, Kansas, where her father taught at Kansas State. Then, when she was 13, they moved to Topeka where he was editor of Kansas Farmer. She graduated from Washburn University in Topeka in 1922, majoring in Botany and English. She earned an M. A. in Zoology from the University of Kansas and attended summer school at Columbia in New York in 1928.

In 1922, the family moved to Denver where her father was editor of Western Farm Life. She taught at Skinner Junior High in Denver from February, 1926 until June, 1964. The last ten years she taught biology, and took her students to Barr Lake on field trips. When she arrived in Denver, she wanted to do something for girls, and became a nature counselor for Campfire Girls. For 17 years she also taught nature at a summer camp of First Plymouth Congregational Church. Birders helped her to gather nests, and Betsy Webb at the Museum loaned her skins, so she could illustrate her talks about birds to schools, churches, and retirement homes. Even after she retired from teaching, she continued to present these talks. Ruth did not really keep a life list or a year list; when she would see a new bird she would just check it off in her field guide.

DFO has been considered one of the outstanding bird clubs in the country because of the field trips held every Saturday and Sunday. Ruth Wheeler was co-coordinator for DFO field trips for 14 years, from Sept. 1978 until June 1992. Co-coordinators were Bob Spencer for 9 years and Ruth Breckon for 5 years. In considering possible places for trips, she would pull the Lark Bunting for several years to see what trips had been well attended. She especially wanted a trip to Barr Lake every month, even in the winter, so that the club could keep a record of what was present at this key area. The Rigli Ranch trip was considered a yearly event; Joe Rigli was a special person who loved to have groups come there. She had no favorite trip to lead herself; it was important to her to have trips to each ecological area.

Trips by DFO to distant parts of Colorado are a fairly recent development. Betsy Webb told her about Mississippi Kites at Lamar and La Junta and that Charlie Chase of the Museum was down there for the summer. She contacted Charlie who agreed to lead members; he showed them many kite nests and also took them to the irrigation reservoirs north of Lamar where they saw Clark's and Western Grebes side by side. Since then, others, such as Dan Bridges, have found interesting areas and suggested more such field trips.

Ruth spoke enthusiastically and appreciatively of many members, but downplayed her own contributions. We want her to have our applause for her dedication to DFO, for jobs well done throughout the community, and for being a special person who has introduced nature and its wonders to young and old alike.

Patty Echelmeyer, Lynn Willcockson, David Pantle

Table 1 includes the data collected in July on the ten scheduled DFO field trips and four Tuesday Birders field trips.

Abbreviations used in this table: a = adult, f = female, h = heard only, i = immature, m = male, n = on nest

DATE AREA COVERED	Scheduled DFO Trips										Tues. Birders				DATE AREA COVERED
	3-5 MNP	10 JEF	11 PNG	14 GEN	17 FIL	18 BAR	24 BRC	25 SLV	31 RMP	31&1 STR	6 SPB	13 KPP	20 SMC	27 CKC	
Common Loon										2					Common Loon
Pied-billed Grebe	1	2				1						4a5i			Pied-billed Grebe
Eared Grebe	32	20													Eared Grebe
Western Grebe	20					10				70					Western Grebe
Clark's Grebe	1														Clark's Grebe
American White Pelican	17	6	12			41				80		1		4	American White Pelican
Double-cr. Cormorant	19			3	1	5				1i					Double-cr. Cormorant
Great Blue Heron	3	1				6				10					Great Blue Heron
Snowy Egret			1			3									Snowy Egret
Black-cr. Night-Heron	3					1									Black-cr. Night-Heron
White-faced Ibis		14													White-faced Ibis
Canada Goose	120	44	2			420		8	1	1000					Canada Goose
Wood Duck										1f					Wood Duck
Green-winged Teal		1m								5		4			Green-winged Teal
Mallard	14	2	5	1	1	4		1	5	20	1				Mallard
Northern Pintail	1									10					Northern Pintail
Blue-winged Teal	3					9				10					Blue-winged Teal
Cinnamon Teal	7	3													Cinnamon Teal
Northern Shoveler	4									1f					Northern Shoveler
Gadwall	5	60													Gadwall
American Wigeon	4														American Wigeon
Redhead	2	1m								10		2			Redhead
Ring-necked Duck	6	10							3			2			Ring-necked Duck
Lesser Scaup	6	20										3			Lesser Scaup
Bufflehead		6f													Bufflehead
Common Merganser	12							4							Common Merganser
Ruddy Duck	4	1m				3									Ruddy Duck
Turkey Vulture	1				1		2			1	5			2	Turkey Vulture
Osprey	2							2a2i							Osprey
Northern Harrier	1					2				1f					Northern Harrier
Swainson's Hawk	4	6	7			20			1	8		3	3	1	Swainson's Hawk
Red-tailed Hawk			1	1		1	2	3				2		2	Red-tailed Hawk
western races	2	5							1	15					western races
"Kriders" race										1					"Kriders" race
Ferruginous Hawk						1									Ferruginous Hawk
Golden Eagle	1	1a1i								1a					Golden Eagle
American Kestrel		1	6	1		2			3		1				American Kestrel
Prairie Falcon		4				1				1					Prairie Falcon
Ring-necked Pheasant															Ring-necked Pheasant
Blue Grouse								1a1i		1m					Blue Grouse
White-tailed Ptarmigan															White-tailed Ptarmigan
Wild Turkey				1a6i						4					Wild Turkey
Northern Bobwhite							1h								Northern Bobwhite
American Coot	6	15				8						7a5i		4	American Coot
Black-bellied Plover															Black-bellied Plover
Semipalmated Plover															Semipalmated Plover
Killdeer		12	7			16		2	6	60		3		2a1i	Killdeer
Mountain Plover														1	Mountain Plover
American Avocet	12	2				10				14					American Avocet
Greater Yellowlegs		2								80					Greater Yellowlegs
Lesser Yellowlegs		1				12				120		1			Lesser Yellowlegs
Solitary Sandpiper						3				2					Solitary Sandpiper
Willet		1								1					Willet
Spotted Sandpiper	4								2	4					Spotted Sandpiper
Upland Sandpiper										30					Upland Sandpiper
Long-billed Curlew	2									1					Long-billed Curlew
Marbled Godwit										2					Marbled Godwit
Semipalmated Sandpip.										5					Semipalmated Sandpip.
Western Sandpiper		2				35				20					Western Sandpiper
Least Sandpiper										10					Least Sandpiper
Baird's Sandpiper										350					Baird's Sandpiper
Stilt Sandpiper						2				110					Stilt Sandpiper

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Long-billed Dowitcher										100					Long-billed Dowitcher
Common Snipe	2	4													Common Snipe
Wilson's Phalarope	5	1				2				250				2	Wilson's Phalarope
Franklin's Gull	30		5			30				900					Franklin's Gull
Ring-billed Gull	5		27			40				400					Ring-billed Gull
California Gull	154	2	2			100		26	4	6					California Gull
Herring Gull										1i					Herring Gull
Forster's Tern	5					1				2					Forster's Tern
Black Tern	1					10				40					Black Tern
Rock Dove			21	3		300				2					Rock Dove
Mourning Dove	3		34	3		100	1			90	1				Mourning Dove
Great-Horned Owl	1						1			2					Great-Horned Owl
Burrowing Owl						10				50					Burrowing Owl
Common Nighthawk	3		3					5		3					Common Nighthawk
Chimney Swift										5					Chimney Swift
Brd.-tailed Hummingbird	8	8		25	9		15	21	3		33	10	9	4	Brd.-tailed Hummingbird
Rufous Hummingbird	1m	1m		1	1		6	2	1			1	2		Rufous Hummingbird
Belted Kingfisher									1	4				1	Belted Kingfisher
Red-head. Woodpecker										20					Red-head. Woodpecker
Red-naped Sapsucker	1	15						2	1			2			Red-naped Sapsucker
Williamson's Sapsucker	1	1f		3							2m1f				Williamson's Sapsucker
Downy Woodpecker			5	2		1	1								Downy Woodpecker
"Batchelder's" race					3										"Batchelder's" race
eastern races										5					eastern races
Hairy Woodpecker				3				2a1i	2						Hairy Woodpecker
"Rocky Mtn" race	1	1			2										"Rocky Mtn" race
eastern races										1					eastern races
Three-toed Woodpecker							2						3	4	Three-toed Woodpecker
Northern Flicker											6				Northern Flicker
"Yellow-shafted" race										15					"Yellow-shafted" race
"Red-shafted" race	7	6	5	3	2	1		12	1	25					"Red-shafted" race
Olive-sided Flycatcher		2						1							Olive-sided Flycatcher
Western Wood-Pewee	1	4	1	4		2	1	2	3		2	1	8		Western Wood-Pewee
Dusky Flycatcher		1													Dusky Flycatcher
Cordilleran Flycatcher							3	2	2		5				Cordilleran Flycatcher
Empidonax sp.								2a4i					1		Empidonax sp.
Say's Phoebe	1														Say's Phoebe
Western Kingbird			18			52				50					Western Kingbird
Eastern Kingbird			12			8				90					Eastern Kingbird
Horned Lark	2	45	17			10			1	2				30	Horned Lark
Tree Swallow	7	75			2			36	1						Tree Swallow
Violet-Green Swallow	16	2		20	1		22	2	8		5	5	2	13	Violet-Green Swallow
Northern R-wgd Swallow										1					Northern R-wgd Swallow
Bank Swallow			22							3					Bank Swallow
Cliff Swallow	51	45	17			4	2	16						137	Cliff Swallow
Barn Swallow	15	4				25		1	1	270					Barn Swallow
Gray Jay		1			3								3	1	Gray Jay
Steller's Jay				2	4		2	8	8			1			Steller's Jay
Blue Jay			5							10					Blue Jay
Clark's Nutcracker					2				9						Clark's Nutcracker
Black-billed Magpie	2	7	12	13		9	1	21	10	4		2		1	Black-billed Magpie
American Crow	7	6		4	2	5	2	15				2		2	American Crow
Common Raven	6	15		5	11		6	2	20					7	Common Raven
Black-cap. Chickadee				4	1	18	4	5		8					Black-cap. Chickadee
Mountain Chickadee	4	3		10	3		2		7		4	6	12		Mountain Chickadee
Red-br. Nuthatch				4	1						7		2		Red-br. Nuthatch
White-br. Nuthatch				6	1			2a2i			1				White-br. Nuthatch
Pygmy Nuthatch				7	2		2				2		3		Pygmy Nuthatch
Rock Wren				4											Rock Wren
House Wren		5	1		3	14	3	5	3	35	1n		4	1	House Wren
American Dipper							1	2a1i	1						American Dipper
Golden-crowned Kinglet															Golden-crowned Kinglet
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	8	8			2			2	3		8	2	2	1	Ruby-crowned Kinglet
Western Bluebird				55	3						3				Western Bluebird
Mountain Bluebird	2	26					13	12	14			6		24	Mountain Bluebird
Townsend's Solitaire	1	2		1			1	4			2	2	2		Townsend's Solitaire
Veery	2														Veery

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Hermit Thrush		4		3	2											Hermit Thrush
American Robin	5	10	28	7	35	23	3	15	6	30	9	4	3	1		American Robin
Gray Catbird										1			14			Gray Catbird
Northern Mockingbird			2							2						Northern Mockingbird
Sage Thrasher	2	2														Sage Thrasher
Brown Thrasher			2							20						Brown Thrasher
American Pipit					4				12							American Pipit
Cedar Waxwing										8						Cedar Waxwing
Loggerhead Shrike			4							5						Loggerhead Shrike
European Starling		5	10	3		120		6		35						European Starling
Warbling Vireo	1	6					1	3		4	1h	1				Warbling Vireo
Orange-crowned Warbler									1							Orange-crowned Warbler
Virginia's Warbler								1								Virginia's Warbler
Yellow Warbler	27	6		1		14		2h		8						Yellow Warbler
Yellow-rumped Warbler								8								Yellow-rumped Warbler
"Audubon's" race	6	8			2				2			5	2			"Audubon's" race
MacGillivray's Warbler								2		8						MacGillivray's Warbler
Common Yellowthroat																Common Yellowthroat
Wilson's Warbler	2	6							4	2						Wilson's Warbler
Yellow-breasted Chat																Yellow-breasted Chat
Western Tanager				5	1		2	1i			5					Western Tanager
Black-head. Grosbeak				3			1	1i		3m1f	1					Black-head. Grosbeak
Blue Grosbeak						1				1m						Blue Grosbeak
Lazuli Bunting				5												Lazuli Bunting
Green-tailed Towhee				7	4			1			1					Green-tailed Towhee
Rufous-sided Towhee				5						3m						Rufous-sided Towhee
Chipping Sparrow	2			15	6				4	15	9	1	3			Chipping Sparrow
Brewer's Sparrow	2															Brewer's Sparrow
Field Sparrow										2h						Field Sparrow
Vesper Sparrow		1				3		2		2						Vesper Sparrow
Lark Sparrow			1							170						Lark Sparrow
Lark Bunting			40			1				100						Lark Bunting
Savannah Sparrow	4	20							11	5			1	2		Savannah Sparrow
Grasshopper Sparrow										4						Grasshopper Sparrow
Fox Sparrow																Fox Sparrow
"Slate-Colored" race		2														"Slate-Colored" race
Song Sparrow	2	1		1				1h	1			1				Song Sparrow
Lincoln's Sparrow		8			4			2	6				4			Lincoln's Sparrow
White-crowned Sparrow									2							White-crowned Sparrow
"eastern" races		18			3											"eastern" races
"Gambel's" race	9															"Gambel's" race
Dark-eyed Junco																Dark-eyed Junco
"Gray-headed" race	4	6		6	2			1i	2		4	8		2		"Gray-headed" race
McCown's Longspur			8													McCown's Longspur
Red-winged Blackbird	8	8	15	3		120	2	5	1	50		8		5		Red-winged Blackbird
Western Meadowlark	2	6	32			20				150				4		Western Meadowlark
Yel.-headed Blackbird	5	3	13			4				1m1i						Yel.-headed Blackbird
Brewer's Blackbird	21	12	70					2			1					Brewer's Blackbird
Common Grackle		4	12			34	5	12		25						Common Grackle
Brown-headed Cowbird	7	5		10	2			2		2	6			2a2i		Brown-headed Cowbird
Orchard Oriole										2f						Orchard Oriole
Northern Oriole						25										Northern Oriole
"Bullock's" race			11	1m1f						2f						"Bullock's" race
Rosy Finch																Rosy Finch
"Brown-capped" race					3											"Brown-capped" race
Pine Grosbeak	1m	1						1f1m								Pine Grosbeak
Cassin's Finch	2	20		4	7		1				3					Cassin's Finch
House Finch				6	2	16					8					House Finch
Red Crossbill	6			25	25		30	2a1i		2m	5		4			Red Crossbill
Pine Siskin	4	18		58	15		13	15	1		30		10			Pine Siskin
Lesser Goldfinch				7							5					Lesser Goldfinch
American Goldfinch	2		3	3	1	14				30						American Goldfinch
Evening Grosbeak				1	2							6				Evening Grosbeak
House Sparrow	6	4	71	2	1	12				60						House Sparrow
TOTAL SPECIES	85	78	41	50	43	59	33	55	43	100	34	32	21	27		TOTAL SPECIES
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	802	718	570	377	183	1765	154	334	179	5223	185	120	95	263		TOTAL INDIVIDUALS

ADDITIONAL JULY 1993 REPORTS

Instructions for submitting "Additional reports"

1. Individual "Additional Reports" of interesting sightings made during the month are welcomed. However, the Editor reserves the right to publish only those reports that are deemed as unusual or rare or as augmenting the reports submitted by the leaders of scheduled DFO field trips. For a guide as to the species that are of most interest, see Pages 81 through 84 of the *Lark Bunting*, Volume 27, Number 8 (May 1992).
2. The reports should be submitted in Sixth AOU Checklist order, and include the date(s) of observation, number of birds seen, sex, and plumage, if possible. Also, specific, detailed location (including county) information should be provided. Refer to the *Lark Bunting*, Volume 27, Number 10 (July 1992) for a guide to preparing written documentation to support observation of extremely rare or accidental species as well as for those species that pose difficult field identification problems.
3. Deadline for receipt of all additional reports is the fifth of the following month. They should be sent to the Editor.

Eared Grebe 7/20 (1a, feeding young) Pine Cone Knob Atlas Block, Rio Grande County HU
Green-backed Heron 7/7 (1) Cottonwood Marsh, Walden Wildlife Habitat, Boulder County SM
7/13 (1a) Olive Marsh, Pueblo County BP, CW
Ring-necked Duck 7/4 (nest with eggs) Slide Creek Atlas Block, Moffat County RL, mo
7/15 (nest with eggs) Chama Peak Atlas Block, Archuleta County HU
Osprey 7/15 (1) Quincy at Sheridan, Jefferson County TJ
American Swallow-tailed Kite 7/5 (1) Willow Creek Park, Lamar, Prowers County WH
Mississippi Kite 7/5 (11) Willow Creek Park, Lamar, Prowers County WH
Cooper's Hawk 7/15 (1, with a Robin in its talons) Bow Mar Drive, Littleton, Jefferson County TJ
Northern Goshawk 7/19 (1) near Green Mountain Trailhead turnout, Rocky Mountain NP, Grand County BL
Broad-winged Hawk 7/24 (1) Burnt Mill Road, Pueblo County CW, JK, SS
Prairie Falcon 7/13 (1) Vineland, Pueblo County BP, CW
Chukar 7/6 (3a, 14i) Cameo, Mesa County CW
Blue Grouse 7/25 (1a, 5i) Horseshoe Park area, Rocky Mountain National Park, Larimer County TD
White-tailed Ptarmigan 7/19 (1s) near Medicine Bow Curve turnout, Rocky Mountain NP, Grand County BL
Wild Turkey 7/20 (4) Cottonwood Canyon, Baca County CW
7/22 (1af, 4i) South Republican SWA, Yuma County JR
Scaled Quail 7/2 (20) Pueblo West, Pueblo County BP
Sora 7/4 (3, singing) Slide Creek Atlas Block, Moffat County HU, mo
7/14 (1) Spectacle Lake Atlas Block, Archuleta County HU
7/16 (4a, 1i) Oakbrush Hill Atlas Block, Archuleta County HU
7/20 (2a, 1i) Harris Lake Atlas Block, Archuleta County HU
Black-bellied Plover 7/27 (1, alternate plumage) Cherry Creek Reservoir, Arapahoe County BB
Snowy Plover 7/4 (6) Lake Cheraw, Otero County WH
Semipalmated Plover 7/20 (1) Arapahoe NWR, Jackson County BL
Mountain Plover 7/2 (1) Highway 17 north of Alamosa, Alamosa County BP
Solitary Sandpiper 7/2 (2) Crown Hill Lake, Jefferson County PE
Upland Sandpiper 7/23 (4 + 1h) Between Crook and Sedgwick, Logan County BP, BD
Marbled Godwit 7/4 (1) Lake Cheraw, Otero County WH
7/7 (2) Cherry Creek Reservoir, Arapahoe County BL
Semipalmated Sandpiper 7/23 (10) Jumbo Reservoir, Logan and Sedgwick Counties BP, BD
Western Sandpiper 7/4 (40) Lake Cheraw, Otero County WH
7/23 (10) Jumbo Reservoir, Logan County BP, BD
Least Sandpiper 7/23 (10) Jumbo Reservoir, Logan County BP, BD
Baird's Sandpiper 7/23 (30) Jumbo Reservoir, Logan County BP, BD
Pectoral Sandpiper 7/14 (2a) Lake Cheraw, Crowley County CW
Stilt Sandpiper 7/23 (1) Cherry Creek Reservoir, Arapahoe County BL
7/23 (15) Jumbo Reservoir, Logan County BP, BD
Short-billed Dowitcher 7/16 (1a) South Platte River at Red Lion Road, Logan County JR
7/20 (1a) Queens Reservoir, ? County CW, DN
Long-billed Dowitcher 7/23 (60) Jumbo Reservoir, Logan and Sedgwick Counties BP, BD

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Wilson's Phalarope 7/4 (8) Lake Cheraw, Otero County WH
 Forster's Tern 7/23 (4) Jumbo Reservoir, Logan and Sedgwick Counties BP, BD
 Black Tern 7/4 (6) Lake Cheraw, Otero County WH
 Black-billed Cuckoo 7/23 (1a) Tamarack Ranch SWA, Logan County BP, BD
 Yellow-billed Cuckoo 7/10 (1m, singing) Byers, Adams County KP, AS
 7/23 (1h) Jumbo Reservoir, Logan County BP, BD
 Greater Roadrunner 7/24 (1) Temple Canyon, Fremont County CW, JK, SS
 Flammulated Owl 7/8 (1) Percival Cabin, Custer County BP, RP
 7/18 (2) Devil Mountain Atlas Block, Archuleta County HU
 Western Screech-Owl 7/20 (2h) Cottonwood Canyon, Baca County CW, DN
 7/27 (1h) near Gothic, Gunnison County KS
 Northern Pygmy-Owl 7/5 (1a, feeding vole to 3 fledglings) Slide Creek Atlas Block, Moffat County HU, mo
 7/26 (1h) Schofield Pass, Gunnison County KS
 Boreal Owl 7/23 through 7/27 (1h) near Gothic, Gunnison county KS, mo
 Northern Saw-Whet Owl 7/3 (1) Bull Canyon Atlas Block, San Miguel County DB
 7/6 (1) Sheephorn Mountain Atlas Block, Grand County HU
 Common Nighthawk 7/14 (nest with 2 young) Pagosa Junction Atlas Block, Archuleta County HU
 Black Swift 7/4 (5) Box Canyon, Ouray, Ouray County DB
 Calliope Hummingbird 7/8 (1f) Percival Cabin, Custer County BP
 7/15 (1m) Percival Cabin, Custer County BP
 7/22 (1m) Hack Ranch, South Park, Jefferson and Park Counties CH
 7/30 (1m, 1f) near Gothic, Gunnison County KS
 Rufous Hummingbird 7/23 through 7/31 (24) from Gothic to Schofield Park, Gunnison County KS, mo
 7/24 (4m, 2f, 4i) Percival Cabin, Custer County BP
 Lewis' Woodpecker 7/13 (2n) Vineland, Pueblo County BP, CW
 7/14 through 7/16 (many) along roads in southern Archuleta County HU
 Red-bellied Woodpecker 7/15 (1m, 1i, nesting) Bonny Reservoir, Yuma County CW
 7/22 (2i, recently fledged) Foster Grove Campground, Bonny SRA, Yuma County JR
 Red-naped Sapsucker 7/18 (1) near Bowen/Baker Trailhead turnout, Rocky Mountain NP, Grand County BL
 Ladder-backed Woodpecker 7/22 (1) Ludlow Atlas Block, Las Animas County BP
 Three-toed Woodpecker 7/4 (1) Slide Creek Atlas Block, Moffat County HU, mo
 7/15 (2f) Snowslide Trail, Pueblo County BP, PN
 7/27 (1) Oh Be Joyful Trailhead, Crested Butte, Gunnison County KS
 7/30 (1a, seen feeding young) near Gothic, Gunnison County KS
 Willow Flycatcher 7/11 (1) Pagoda Atlas Block, Routt County DB
 7/27 (2, singing) Sheephorn Mountain Atlas Block, Grand County HU
 Least Flycatcher 7/23 (2 singing) Tamarack Ranch SWA, Logan County BP, BD
 Gray Flycatcher 7/4 (1s) Temple Canyon, Fremont County WH
 Ash-throated Flycatcher 7/4 (1) Temple Canyon, Fremont County WH
 Cassin's Kingbird 7/4 (1) Burnt Mill Road, Pueblo County WH
 7/22 (1) near Ludlow, Las Animas County BP, JY
 Purple Martin 7/1 (2m, 2f) Hamilton Atlas Block, Moffat County DB
 7/22 (1m, 1f) Long's Canyon, west of Trinidad, Las Animas County BP, JY (F)
 Gray Jay 7/10 (5) Blue Lakes, Huerfano County BP
 7/23 through 7/30 (14) Gothic to Schofield Park, Gunnison County KS
 Pinyon Jay 7/4 (6) Temple Canyon, Fremont County WH
 7/22 (30) Ludlow Atlas Block, Las Animas County BP, JY
 Clark's Nutcracker 7/10 (5) Blue Lakes, Huerfano County BP
 Chihuahuan Raven 7/13 (1) north of Colorado City, Pueblo County BP, CW
 Plain Titmouse 7/4 (3) Temple Canyon, Fremont County WH
 Bewick's Wren 7/13 (2) Olive Marsh, Pueblo County BP, CW
 Marsh Wren 7/4 (10) Monte Vista NWR, Rio Grande County BP
 American Dipper 7/25 (2) Schofield Park, Gunnison County KS

- Eastern Bluebird 7/15 (1f) Bonny Reservoir, Yuma County CW
 7/16 (1m, 1f, 2i) Tamarack Ranch SWA, Logan County JR
 7/23 (1m) Jumbo Reservoir, Sedgwick County BP, BD
 Western Bluebird 7/14 through 7/16 (many) along roads in southern Archuleta County HU
 7/22 (1m) near Ludlow, Las Animas County BP, JY
 Swainson's Thrush 7/24 (1) near Gothic, Gunnison County KS
 7/30 (2) near Gothic, Gunnison County KS
 Hermit Thrush 7/23 through 7/26 (7a, 3i) Gothic to Schofield Park, Gunnison County KS
 Sage Thrasher 7/5 (40) south of Fort Garland, Costilla County BP
 Curve-billed Thrasher 7/13 (2) Pueblo West, Pueblo County BP, CW
 Gray Vireo 7/6 (2) Cameo, Mesa County CW
 7/7 (2) Colorado National Monument, Mesa County CW
 Orange-crowned Warbler 7/24 (1) Schofield Pass, Gunnison County KS
 Black-throated Gray Warbler 7/4 (4) Temple Canyon, Fremont County WH
 Golden-winged Warbler 7/17-7/19 (1m, 1 fledgling) Roxborough SP, Douglas County JBH, CW, JK, SS (F)
 MacGillivray's Warbler 7/7 (1m, 1i) Percival Cabin, Custer County BP
 Blue Grosbeak 7/11 (1) south of Titan Road on Douglas Co. Road 3, Douglas County BL
 Indigo X Lazuli Bunting hybrid 7/? (1m) Chatfield State Park, Jefferson County CW
 7/? (1) Burnt Mill Road, Pueblo County CW
 7/? (3) Cottonwood Canyon, Baca County CW
 Dickcissel 7/15 (1m) Feeder in Wheat Ridge, Jefferson County PE, EW
 7/16 (5i) Co. Road 95 and US 138, Logan County JR
 7/20 (4) south of Queens SWA, Prowers County CW, DN
 7/22 (1m) South Republican SWA, Yuma County JR
 7/23 (15) near Red Lion SWA, Logan County BP, BD
 Canyon Towhee 7/1 (2) Pueblo West, Pueblo County BP
 Rufous-crowned Sparrow 7/21 (2) Cottonwood Canyon, Baca County CW
 Field Sparrow 7/23 (2 singing) Tamarack Ranch SWA, Logan County BP, BD
 Sage Sparrow 7/5 (10) south of Fort Garland, Costilla County BP
 Grasshopper Sparrow 7/23 (5) Tamarack Ranch SWA, Logan County BP, BD
 Bobolink 7/17 (4m) Winkler Ranch, Douglas County KP, AS
 Great-tailed Grackle 7/2 (1m) Alamosa, Alamosa County BP
 7/22 (5f) Idalia, Yuma County JR
 Pine Grosbeak 7/10 (1m) Blue Lakes, Huerfano County BP
 7/18 (1m) Grand Lake Lodge, Grand County BL
 7/19 (1m, 1f) Grand Lake Lodge, Grand County BL
 7/25 through 7/30 (5m, 2f, 2i) Gothic to Schofield Park, Gunnison County KS
 7/29 (1m) Robinson Hill Road, Jefferson County KH
 Red Crossbill 7/10 (5) Blue Lakes, Huerfano County BP
 7/18 (1m) Grand Lake Lodge, Grand County BL
 7/19 (1m, 1f) Grand Lake Lodge, Grand County BL
 7/30 (1m) near Gothic, Gunnison County KS
 Pine Siskin 7/1 through 7/5 (3) feeders at Bow Mar Drive, Littleton, Jefferson County TJ
 Lesser Goldfinch (Black-backed race) 7/25 through 31 (3) Bow Mar Drive, Littleton, Jefferson County TJ
 Evening Grosbeak 7/15 (5) feeders at Bow Mar Drive, Littleton, Jefferson County TJ

AS = Aaron Sell, BB = Bob Brown, BD = Bob Dickson, BL = Bob and LeaAnn Brown, BP = Brandon Percival, CH = Carol Hack, CW = Chris Wood, DN = Duane Nelson, EW = Ellie Walker, HU = Hugh and Urling Kingery, JBH = JB Hayes, JK = Joey Kellner, JR = Jack Reddall, JY = John Yaeger, KH = Kurt Hebner, KP = Kim Potter, KS = Karleen Schofield, PE = Patty Echelmeyer, PN = Patricia and Paul Nelson, RL = Randy Lentz, RP = Robert Percival, SS = Steve Stachowiak, SM = Suzi and Myron Plooster, TD = Terry and Donna Flageolle, TJ = Tina Jones, WH = Walt Hackney, mo = many others

Abbrevs. used: a = adult, f = female, F = form submitted, h = heard only, i = immature, m = male, n = on nest, s = summer plumage

The following guidelines should be followed when participating in a DFO field trip:

Call the Colorado Bird Report at 279-3076 before going on a field trip to determine if there have been any cancellations or changes in schedules.

Carpool if possible so the leader will have few cars to keep track of and get parked at stops. Carpooling also saves gasoline and reduces air pollution. Stay reasonably close to the group whether in cars or on foot.

**DO NOT LEAVE THE GROUP WITHOUT
NOTIFYING THE LEADER.**

Everyone is expected to share in the mileage expenses on scheduled DFO field trips. The suggested share is 10 cents per mile divided by the number of people in the car including the driver.

AUGUST DFO FIELD TRIPS

September 4, Saturday. Highland Canal and Daniels Gardens area. Leader: Ruth Breckon (455-0970). Meet at 0730 south of Albertson's on NW corner of South Broadway and County Line Road. + !

September 4 through 6. Southeastern Colorado. Leader: Dan Bridges (755-7665). Meet on Saturday September 4 at 0900 at Diamond Shamrock station in Ordway (junction of SR 71 and SR 96). Spend Saturday and Sunday nights in Cottonwood Canyon (primitive camping) or Springfield (motels or good private campground). Trip will visit Lake Meredith, Cheraw, John Martin Dam, Hasty, Nee-So-Pah, and Nee-No-She reservoirs on Saturday; Cottonwood Canyon, Carrizo picnic ground, Burchfield SWA, and Bear Creek on Sunday; below Two Buttes Dam, the bridge at Holly, and Lamar Technical College on Monday. Bring food and water for lunches and snacks.

Fall Count

September 11, Saturday. Lower Bear Creek. Leader: Mary Jane Schock (922-3144) and Bob Spencer (279-4682). Meet at 0700 at southwest section of Bear Valley Shopping Center (west of Burlington Coat Factory) on South Sheridan north of US 285 (Hampden Avenue).

September 11, Saturday. Chatfield SRA. Leader: Joey Kellner (985-0552). Meet at 0630 at Deer Creek (west) entrance of the park (off SR 121 south of C470).

September 11, Saturday. Waterton. Leader: Hugh Kingery (333-0161). Meet at 0630 at Park-and-Ride at US 285 (Hampden Avenue) & South Wadsworth or at the Waterton bridge at 0645.

September 12, Sunday. Castlewood Canyon State Park. Leader: Randy Lentz (777-7101). Call leader for details. Half-day or full-day optional.

September 12, Sunday. Barr Lake Periphery. Leader: Chris Wood (973-2161). Meet at 0630 at intersection of Piccadilly Road and Bromley Lane.

September 12, Sunday. Barr Lake State Park. Leader: Bob Righter (692-8529). Meet at 0630 at entrance station to Barr Lake State Park. This is a 10-mile, all-day hike around the lake.

September 12, Sunday. Rocky Mountain Arsenal. Leader: Urling Kingery (333-0161). Register with leader in advance -- number of observers is limited.

September 15, Wednesday. Cherry Creek Reservoir. Leader: Mort Staatz (279-6169). Meet at 0630 at west gate of the SRA near Cherry Creek HS.

September 18, Saturday. Pueblo area. Leader: Brandon Percival (719 547-3722). Meet leader at 0800 at K-Mart Caboose, southwest intersection of US 50 and I-25. May need a park pass. *

September 19, Sunday. Ken Caryl Ranch. Leader: Park Ranger Alan Hollingsworth (979-1876 or 888-8185). Meet leader at 0830 at Dakota Lodge at Ken Caryl Ranch. To reach ranch, take C470 to Ken Caryl Avenue, then west to a Y. Take the right hand of the Y and then turn left at the first road at the sign "Equestrian Center." The Dakota Lodge is located at the Equestrian Center. + !

September 25, Saturday. Rigli Ranch. Leader: Joe Rigli (1-432-5200). Carpool at 0730 at east end of north parking lot of Denver Museum of Natural History in City Park, or join group at 0815 at Pepper Pod restaurant in Hudson, Colorado (turn right from exit ramp. Meet leader about 0900 at the ranch -- from Hudson, go east on SR 52 approximately 32 mi until it turns north. Do not turn north, but continue east 9 miles on Morgan County Road F to County Road 14. Turn left on CR 14, and go approximately 1 mile to first house on left (where 2 boxcars are visible). *

September 26, Wheat Ridge Greenbelt. Leader: Patty Echelmeyer (233-4947). Meet leader at 0830 at Prospect Park Lake south of West 44th Avenue near Robb Street. + !

* = Bring Lunch, + = Half-Day Trip
\$ = Parks Pass required, ! = Lunch Optional

Submitted By:
Ruth Breckon (455-0970) & Mort Staatz (279-6169)



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REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING ON THE FIRST WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER THROUGH MAY, EXCEPT FOR DECEMBER, AT 7:30 PM, DENVER MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY, RICKETSON AUDITORIUM

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, October 6, 1993

PROGRAM: Development of the New Colorado Bird Hall at the Denver Museum of Natural History
by Dr. Charles Preston, Curator of Ornithology, and Chairman, Zoology Department, Denver Museum of Natural History

***** COLORADO BIRD REPORT -- 279-3076 *****

August 1993 Field Trip Summary

August 7, Saturday (RXB)
Roxborough SRA. Leader: Mort Staatz.
Observers: Mary Dexter, Bev DuGay, Gail Evans, Bette and Ken Frieswyk (Grand Rapids, MI), Howard Frisch, Judy Kane, Susan Kane, Fern Maher, Betty Marsland, Alberta Nelson, Warren Roske, Robin Shimel, Tracy Shimel, Emilie and Ralph Wiersma. (Clear; no wind reported; 19 to 33°C). 0 km by car, 4 km on foot. 0800-1200. (23 species; 110 individuals)

August 8, Sunday (GGG)
Georgetown, Guanella Pass, and Geneva Basin. Leader: Warren Finch. Observers: Kitty Albee, Jean Frazier, Claudina Hruby, Betty Marsland, Carley Warren. (Partly cloudy, light rain; Wind 0 to 32 kph; 19 to 25°C). 48 km by car, 1.6 km on foot. 0730-1430. (32 species; 162 individuals)

August 14, Saturday (WGB)
Wheat Ridge Greenbelt. Leaders: Glenn and Jeane Hageman. Observers: Bob, Nancy, and Jenny Bierling, Mary Dexter, Bev DuGay, Gail Evans, Jean Frazier, Stan and Betty Harwood, Alan and Dee Hay, Phil Hayes, Joe and Norma Kamby, Fern Maher, Diana Mullineaux, Alberta Nelson, Harold and Betty Oliver, Lucy Pace, Buzz Schaumberg, Annette Steinbach, Ralph and Emilie Wiersma, Ronda Woodward.

(Cloudy; Calm; 15 to 27°C). 0 km by car, 4.8 km on foot. 0800-1200. (35 species; 292 individuals)

August 15, Sunday (CSP)
Chatfield SRA. Leader: JB Hayes. Observers: Vince Foster, Terry Owen, Anne Southcott, Karleen Schofield, Joe TenBrink. (Clear; Wind 0 to 8 kph; 19 to 33°C). 12.8 km by car, 4.8 km on foot. 0800-1300. (44 species; 404 individuals)

August 21, Saturday (ELD)
Eldorado Mountain and Eldorado Canyon State Park. Leaders: Suzi and Myron Plooster. Observers: Mike and Rose Barber, Al and Dee Hay, Linda Metcalf, Carole Murray, Warren Roske, Jan Sobel (Poland), Joe TenBrink, Dwight Winters. (Sunny; Calm; 19 to 27°C). 16 km by car, 3.2 km on foot. 0815-1400. (45 species; 457 individuals)

August 22, Sunday (BCK)
Bear Creek from the plains to the foothills. Leader: Cal Wichern. Observers: Peter Mulholland, Harold Puppe, Hugh Rauatt, Steve Segal, Eleanor White. (Sunny; Calm; 21 to 29°C). 72 km by car, 2.4 km on foot. 0800-1300. (35 species; 121 individuals)

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The Denver Field Ornithologists was organized as the Colorado Bird Club in 1935, and membership is open to anyone interested in the birds of the Denver area in particular, and the birds of Colorado in general. The organization presents monthly evening programs (except in the summer) and conducts about 100 field trips annually.

Regular individual or family membership is \$15.00 per year. Senior citizen (age 65 or older) is \$12.00 per year. Student (age 18 or younger) membership is \$5.00 per year. Applications for membership should be sent to the Treasurer (see address below). A membership application form is usually attached to the back of the *Lark Bunting*.

Notification of changes in name or address should be sent to the Treasurer. The *Lark Bunting* is sent by second class mail, and will not be forwarded.

Members who fail to receive the *Lark Bunting* by the 25th of the month should contact the Treasurer (322-6589), as he usually has extra copies. Those who fail to receive the *Lark Bunting* for two or more consecutive months should contact the Treasurer in writing.

Notices or announcements of classes, lectures, special field trips, etc. relating to birds that are intended for inclusion in the *Lark Bunting* should be received in the mail by the Editor no later than the 5th of the month of issue. The Editor reserves the right to accept or refuse and to edit the announcement(s).

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August 28, Saturday (BAR)

Barr Lake State Park. Leader: David Pantle.
Observers: Sherry Chapman, Ferd and Jo Dirckx,
Warren Finch, Steve Litz, Jim Norton, Suzi and
Myron Plooster, Karleen Schofield, Joe TenBrink,
Sean Yates. (Overcast; Calm; 17 to 27°C).
10.8 km by car, 6.4 km on foot. 0800-1430.
(56 species; 1,415 individuals)

August 29, Sunday (NEL)

Northeast Colorado lakes and reservoirs. Leader:
Joey Kellner. Observers: Marlene Eggerling, Walt
Hackney, Glenn Hageman, Jeane Hageman, Peter
Mulholland, David Pantle, Karleen Schofield,
Steve Stachowiak, Chuck Walters, Chris Wood.
(Sunny AM, partly cloudy PM; Wind S 0 to
24 kph; 15 to 29°C). 0600-1800. (93 species;
2,835 individuals)

Tuesday Birders

August 3. Bergen Park, Echo Lake. (BPE)
Leader: Ann Bonnell. 26 observers. 0900-1130.
18 species; 51 individuals.

August 10. Bailey, Grant, Guanella Pass &
Burning Bear Campground to Georgetown.
(BGG) Leader: Ann Bonnell. 27 observers.
0900-1200. 24 species; 80 individuals.

August 17. Buffalo Herd Overlook, Silverthorne
to Blue River Campgrounds, Loveland Pass.
(BHO) Leader: Else Van Erp. 19 observers.
0830-1200. 26 species; 108 individuals.

August 24. Evergreen to Camp Rock
Campground. (ECR) Leader: Ann Bonnell.
26 observers. 0830-1230. 17 species;
62 individuals.

August 31. Reynolds Jeffco Open Space, South
Platte Two Forks. (ROS) Leader: Ann Bonnell.
31 observers. 0900-1300. 39 species;
212 individuals.

Independent Trips

August 16. Denver to NE Colorado. (DNE)
Observers: Ted Cooper, Glenn Hageman,
Jack Reddall. 0600-1800. 97 species;
5032 individuals.

August 20 through 22. Wet Mountains area.
(WMA) 10 observers. 33 hours birding.
80 species; 1,376 individuals.

AUGUST HIGHLIGHTS

A total of 150 species was reported from the eight scheduled field trips in August. Of the species seen by the Tuesday Birders, 10 were seen on no DFO trip, and 27 more species were reported from the two independent trips taken by DFO members, making a total of 187 species shown on Table 1 (Pages 126-130). In addition, 24 species were reported as additional sightings, and not reported on any DFO trip. Thus, 211 species were reported to the DFO for the month of August.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Colorado Bird Observatory is having a Songbird Art Show, with support from the Adams County Scientific and Cultural Council and the Thornton Arts, Sciences, and Humanities Council. The goal of the Songbird Art Show is to focus public attention on shorebirds, waders, and songbirds, and to celebrate the work of artists who portray these birds. The show will take place November 19 through 21 at the Thornton Civic Center. Artists are invited to submit work. The show will be open to the public November 20 and 21 from 10 AM to 4 PM. Admission is \$2.00 for adults. Children 12 and under are free. For more information, contact the Colorado Bird Observatory at 659-4348.

Ted Stockmar reports a flock of approximately 120 Common Ravens at the south end of Fish Creek Road near Estes Park on the 9th of August. The birds were feeding on the ground, but each maintained his own territory to a radius of approximately 30 feet.

The program scheduled for the monthly meeting on May 4, 1994, will be the Members' Slide Show. This has been a popular event, and notice is being given far in advance to encourage you to take your camera along and use it on your field trips.

Thanks to Mr. Lynn Willcockson for pointing out an improper pronoun in last month's issue. Lynn has been leading several popular field trips each year for a number of years. He is a past president of DFO, as well as a past president of CFO.

In the wake of World Youth Day, Cherry Creek State Recreation Area is re-assessing its General Management Plan. If you have been birding in this park in the past and are concerned about the damage done to the natural environment, not only by massive gatherings, but also by unregulated bicyclists, horses, dogs, fishing, power boating, jet skiing, etc. now is the time for you to speak up in favor of protecting bird (and other natural) habitat. Write to Carolyn Armstrong, Park Manager, Cherry Creek State Recreation Area, 4201 South Parker Road, Aurora, CO 80014. Birders are not as visible (or, usually, as loud) as jet skiers and power boaters. Park management should be made aware how many birders there are, and that we use the park all year.

On the trip to Barr Lake on August 28, at least ten birders got to see three Ash-throated Flycatchers.

Brandon Percival reports a Black Bear on an owling trip on August 21.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

Gary and Kathy Hughes	2314 West Hillside Avenue, Englewood 80110	934-6112 761-2482(days)
Elissa and Jon McAlear	6501 Welch Court, Arvada 80004	421-8714
Terry Owen	13453 West Saratoga Drive, Morrison 80465	697-1576

The following guide was submitted by DFO members Phil Hayes and Jack Reddall. Many thanks for the hard work put into this. It is hoped that this will encourage more DFO members to submit their interesting sightings.

A GUIDE TO REPORTING RARE BIRDS TO THE *LARK BUNTING*
by Jack Reddall and Phil Hayes

This guide is a slight modification of one that appeared in the May 1992 *Lark Bunting*. It is intended as a guide to which species qualify for submittal to the Editor for inclusion as "Additional Reports", which ones require preparation of a rare-bird reporting form (see July 1992 *Lark Bunting*) and which are unusual enough to be reported to the Colorado Bird Report. Included is a Check-List of Colorado Birds (totaling 445 species). On the Check-List, species of special concern are designated by prefixes that indicate the degree of rarity of the species and/or recommend what course of action to follow if the species is observed:

1. An Accidental (5 or fewer records for the state) or Very Rare (6 to 15 records for the state) species that should be reported to the Editor on a Rare Bird Report (hereinafter designated RBR) form. A sighting of any species not on the Check-List (a species new to Colorado) also requires completion of an RBR.

1a. A species that requires an RBR only if observed in adult plumage.

1d. An unusual species that requires an RBR because of the difficulty of field identification.

1e. A species that requires an RBR only if observed on the eastern plains.

1f. A species that requires an RBR only if observed during fall migration.

1i. A species that requires an RBR only if observed in immature or fall plumage.

[Field Trip Leaders, when encountering any species marked by the above prefixes, are urged to submit an RBR prepared either by the leader or another member of the field trip]

[Unless specifically requested not to do so, the Editor forwards all RBR-s to the Records Committee of the Colorado Field Ornithologists]

2. A Rare or Uncommon species that, although it does not require an RBR, should be reported to the Editor and documented with a brief statement indicating the key field marks that led to the identification.

2e. A species that should be reported and documented as in 2 only if observed on the eastern plains.

2i. A species that should be reported and documented as in 2 only if observed in immature or fall plumage.

3. An unusual or otherwise interesting species that should be reported to the Editor for probable inclusion under "Additional Reports".

Species that carry no prefix are not considered rare or unusual. However, sightings of unprefixed species that are worthy of being submitted to the *Lark Bunting* include: especially large numbers of individuals (e.g., 100 Wood Ducks); a winter observation of a summer breeder (e.g., a Hermit Thrush in January); a species seen out of its normal range within the state (e.g., a Common Grackle in Western Colorado). Other sightings of unprefixed species, when reported to the Editor, will be included under "Additional Reports" only when space permits and when the species is not otherwise reported elsewhere in the same issue of the *Lark Bunting*.

Species reports submitted to the *Lark Bunting* should include 1) the common name of the species, 2) the date(s) of the observation, 3) the number of birds observed indicating sex or plumage when possible, 4) the exact place the species was seen including the county, and 5) the names of the persons who were with you and shared in the identification. As noted above, species prefixed by 2, 2e, or 2i should also include supporting details. For example:

GREATER SCAUP 2/21 (1 male) McLellan Reservoir, Arapahoe Co. (Bob Smith, Dick Jones). Field marks noted: rounded profile of head, large nail, white wing stripe extending into outer primaries.

Sightings may be reported to the Editor by telephone but it is much preferred that they be reported in writing. If they are reported by phone, please be prepared to supply all of the information indicated above. Reports must be received no later than the 5th of the month following the month of observation.

It is urged that all species prefixed by a 1 be reported to the Colorado Bird Report. Most species prefixed by a 2 or a 3 also deserve to be reported to the CBR. Species that have no prefix usually merit reporting to the CBR only if they are found well out of their normal range or season.

[Note: Birds reported to the CBR must be separately reported to the Editor of the *Lark Bunting* as outlined above for the original observer to be credited with the sighting and for details of the occurrence to be printed]

On the accompanying Check-List every species is suffixed with one or two capital letters or symbols. This is a simplified attempt to indicate the normal status of each species in the state. These designations are merely a guide and should be treated as such. For example, even though the Blue Grouse is listed as a Resident species (R), one would not expect to see it along the South Platte River out on the plains. Nor would one look for a Greater Roadrunner, also a Resident species (R), in the coniferous forests of the Rocky Mountains. Due to space limitations, no attempt is made to indicate abundance, altitudinal distribution, or preferred habitats of the individual species. Information on these must be obtained from field guides, *A Birder's Guide to Colorado* by Harold R. Holt and James A. Lane, or, especially, *Colorado Birds: A Reference to their Distribution and Habitat* by Robert Andrews and Robert Righter. The suffixes used on the Check-List and their meanings are:

- A Accidental occurrence (5 or fewer records for Colorado; does not breed in the state)
- F Fall migrant only (does not breed in the state)
- IR Introduced Resident (not native; present year-round and breeds in the state)
- M Spring and fall Migrant (passes through during migration but does not breed within the state; individuals of some species returning in the fall may remain in the state through the winter)
- MB Migrant Breeder (spring migrants that enter the state to breed and that migrate out in the fall; these are non-Residents)
- NW Resident (present year-round but does not breed in the state; local population greatly increases with the arrival of winter visitors)
- R Resident (present year-round and breeds in the state)
- RM Resident and Migrant (year-round population joined by spring migrants that may just pass through the state or remain to breed; individuals of some species returning in the fall may remain in the state through the winter)
- S Spring migrant only (does not breed in the state)
- VB Very rare Breeder (has occurred in Colorado 6 to 15 times; a non-Resident but has bred in state)
- VM Very rare Migrant (has occurred in Colorado 6 to 15 times during spring and/or fall migration; has not bred in state)
- VW Very rare Winter visitor (has occurred in Colorado 6 to 15 times in winter; does not breed in state)
- W Winter visitor only (normally present only in the winter months; does not breed in the state)
- W# Winter visitor only (occurs irregularly - not every winter; may irrupt in large numbers some years)
- ? Status undetermined (requires further study)

The check list that follows does not include species that had not been accepted by the Colorado Field Ornithologists' Official Records Committee by December 31, 1991.

CHECK-LIST OF COLORADO BIRDS (AUGUST 1993)

GAVIIDAE 1 Red-throated Loon VM 2 Pacific Loon M 3 Common Loon M 1 Yellow-billed Loon VW PODICIPEDIDAE Pied-billed Grebe RM Horned Grebe M 2 Red-necked Grebe M Eared Grebe MB Western Grebe MB Clark's Grebe MB PELECANIDAE American White Pelican MB 1 Brown Pelican A PHALACROCORACIDAE Double-cr'st'd Cormorant MB 1 Neotropic Cormorant VM ANHINGIDAE 1 Anhinga A FREGATIDAE 1 Magnificent Frigatebird A ARDEIDAE 3 American Bittern MB 2 Least Bittern MB Great Blue Heron MB 3 Great Egret MB Snowy Egret MB 112 Little Blue Heron MB 1 Tricolored Heron VM 1 Reddish Egret A Cattle Egret MB 3 Green-backed Heron MB Blk.-crown'd Night-Heron RM 112 Yell.-crown'd Night-Heron MB THRESKIORNITHIDAE 1 White Ibis A 1 Glossy Ibis A White-faced Ibis MB 1 Roseate Spoonbill A CICONIIDAE 1 Wood Stork A ANATIDAE 1 Fulvous Whistling-Duck A 2 Tundra Swan M 1 Trumpeter Swan VW 3 Gtr. White-fronted Goose M Snow Goose M 2 Ross' Goose M 1 Brant VM Canada Goose RM Wood Duck R Green-winged Teal RM 1d American Black Duck M Mallard RM Northern Pintail RM 1 Garganey A Blue-winged Teal MB Cinnamon Teal MB Northern Shoveler RM Gadwall RM 1 Eurasian Wigeon VM	American Wigeon MB Canvasback MB Redhead MB Ring-necked Duck RM 2 Greater Scaup M Lesser Scaup MB 1 Harlequin Duck A 3 Oldsquaw M 2 Black Scoter M 2 Surf Scoter M 2 White-winged Scoter M Common Goldeneye M 3 Barrow's Goldeneye R Bufflehead M Hooded Merganser RM Common Merganser RM 2 Red-breasted Merganser M Ruddy Duck RM CATHARTIDAE Turkey Vulture MB ACCIPITRIDAE 3 Osprey MB 1 Am. Swallow-tailed Kite VM 3 Mississippi Kite MB Bald Eagle RM Northern Harrier RM Sharp-shinned Hawk RM Cooper's Hawk RM 3 Northern Goshawk R 2 Red-shouldered Hawk M 3 Broad-winged Hawk M Swainson's Hawk MB Red-tailed Hawk RM Ferruginous Hawk RM Rough-legged Hawk W Golden Eagle R FALCONIDAE American Kestrel RM 3 Merlin W 3 Peregrine Falcon MB 1 Gyrfalcon VW Prairie Falcon RM PHASIANIDAE 3 Chukar IR Ring-necked Pheasant IR 3 Blue Grouse R 3 White-tailed Ptarmigan R 1 Ruffed Grouse ? 3 Sage Grouse R 3 Greater Prairie-Chicken R 3 Lesser Prairie-Chicken R 2e3 Sharp-tailed Grouse R 3 Wild Turkey R Northern Bobwhite R 3 Scaled Quail R 3 Gambel's Quail R RALLIDAE 1 Yellow Rail A 1 Black Rail A 1 King Rail A Virginia Rail RM Sora MB	1 Purple Gallinule A 1 Common Moorhen VM American Coot RM GRUIDAE Sandhill Crane MB 1e Whooping Crane A CHARADRIIDAE 3 Black-bellied Plover M 2 Lesser Golden-Plover M 2 Snowy Plover MB Semipalmated Plover M 2 Piping Plover MB Killdeer RM 3 Mountain Plover MB RECURVROSTRIDAE 3 Black-necked Stilt MB American Avocet MB SCOLOPACIDAE Greater Yellowlegs M Lesser Yellowlegs M Solitary Sandpiper M Willet MB Spotted Sandpiper MB 3 Upland Sandpiper MB 1 Eskimo Curlew A 112 Whimbrel S Long-billed Curlew MB 2 Hudsonian Godwit M Marbled Godwit MB 2 Ruddy Turnstone M 2 Red Knot M Sanderling M 2 Semipalmated Sandpiper M Western Sandpiper M Least Sandpiper M 112 White-rumped Sandpiper S Baird's Sandpiper M Pectoral Sandpiper M 1 Sharp-tailed Sandpiper A 2 Dunlin M Stilt Sandpiper M 2 Buff-breasted Sandpiper M 1 Ruff A 1a2 Short-billed Dowitcher M Long-billed Dowitcher M Common Snipe RM 1 American Woodcock A Wilson's Phalarope MB 3 Red-necked Phalarope M 112 Red Phalarope M LARIDAE 1 Pomarine Jaeger VM 1d Parasitic Jaeger M 1 Long-tailed Jaeger A 1d Laughing Gull M Franklin's Gull M 1 Little Gull VM 1 Common Blk-headed Gull A Bonaparte's Gull M 1 Mew Gull VM Ring-billed Gull NW California Gull MB	Herring Gull W 1a2 Thayer's Gull W 1 Lesser Blk-backed Gull VW 1 Glaucous-winged Gull VW 3 Glaucous Gull W 1 Great Black-backed Gull VW 1a2 Black-legged Kittiwake M 1 Ross' Gull A 3 Sabine's Gull M 1 Ivory Gull A 2 Caspian Tern M 1a2 Common Tern M 1 Arctic Tern A Forster's Tern MB 2 Least Tern MB Black Tern MB ALCIDAE 1 Marbled Murrelet A 1 Ancient Murrelet A COLUMBIDAE Rock Dove IR Band-tailed Pigeon MB 1 White-winged Dove VM Mourning Dove MB CUCULIDAE 2 Black-billed Cuckoo MB 3 Yellow-billed Cuckoo MB 3 Greater Roadrunner R 1 Groove-billed Ani A TYTONIDAE 3 Barn Owl R STHIGIDAE 2 Flammulated Owl MB 2 Eastern Screech-Owl R 2 Western Screech-Owl R Great Horned Owl R 2 Snowy Owl W# 3 Northern Pygmy-Owl R Burrowing Owl MB 1 Spotted Owl R 1 Barred Owl ? 3 Long-eared Owl R 3 Short-eared Owl R 2 Boreal Owl R 3 Northern Saw-whet Owl R CAPRIMULGIDAE 1 Lesser Nighthawk A Common Nighthawk MB 3 Common Poorwill MB 1 Whip-poor-will VM APODIDAE 3 Black Swift MB Chimney Swift MB White-throated Swift MB TROCHILIDAE 1 Blue-thrt'd Hummingb'd VM 2 Magnificent Hummingb'd MB Blk.-chinn'd Hummingb'd MB 1 Anna's Hummingbird A 2 Calliope Hummingbird F Brd.-tailed Hummingbird MB 2 Rufous Hummingbird F
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ALCEDINIDAE		SITTIDAE		EMBERIZIDAE	
Belted Kingfisher RM		Red-breasted Nuthatch RM		2 Blue-winged Warbler M	2 Ruf.-crowned Sparrow RM
PICIDAE		White-breasted Nuthatch R		2 Golden-winged Warbler M	American Tree Sparrow W
Lewis' Woodpecker RM		Pygmy Nuthatch R		Tennessee Warbler M	Chipping Sparrow MB
Red-head'd Woodpecker MB		CERTHIDAE		Orange-crowned Warbler MB	Clay-colored Sparrow M
3 Red-bellied Woodpecker R		Brown Creeper RM		2 Nashville Warbler M	Brewer's Sparrow MB
1a2 Yellow-bellied Sapsucker W		TROGLODYTIDAE		Virginia's Warbler MB	2 Field Sparrow MB
Red-naped Sapsucker MB		Rock Wren MB		1 Lucy's Warbler A	Vesper Sparrow MB
Williamson's Sapsucker MB		Canyon Wren R		3 Northern Parula M	Lark Sparrow MB
2 Ladder-b'k'd Woodpecker R		2 Carolina Wren M		Yellow Warbler MB	2e Black-throated Sparrow MB
Downy Woodpecker RM		3 Bewicks's Wren RM		3 Chestnut-sided Warbler MB	2e Sage Sparrow MB
Hairy Woodpecker RM		House Wren MB		23 Magnolia Warbler M	Lark Bunting MB
2 Three-toed Woodpecker R		2 Winter Wren W		23 Cape May Warbler M	Savannah Sparrow MB
Northern Flicker RM		1d Sedge Wren M		3 Blk.-throated Blue Warbler M	1d Baird's Sparrow M
TYRANNIDAE		Marsh Wren RM		Yellow-rumped Warbler MB	Grasshopper Sparrow MB
Olive-sided Flycatcher MB		CINCLIDAE		3 Blk.-thr'd Gray Warbler MB	1 Henslow's Sparrow A
Western Wood-Pewee MB		American Dipper R		3 Townsend's Warbler M	1 Le Conte's Sparrow A
1d Eastern Wood-Pewee M		MUSCICAPIDAE		1 Hermit Warbler VM	1 Sharp-tailed Sparrow A
1d Alder Flycatcher VM		3 Golden-crowned Kinglet RM		23 Blk.-thr'd Green Warbler M	3 Fox Sparrow MB
2 Willow Flycatcher MB		Ruby-crowned Kinglet MB		23 Blackburnian Warbler M	Song Sparrow RM
2 Least Flycatcher MB		3 Blue-gray Gnatcatcher MB		2 Yellow-throated Warbler M	Lincoln's Sparrow MB
2 Hammond's Flycatcher MB		Eastern Bluebird RM		2 Grace's Warbler MB	3 Swamp Sparrow W
2 Dusky Flycatcher MB		Western Bluebird MB		1d Pine Warbler M	White-throated Sparrow M
2 Gray Flycatcher MB		Mountain Bluebird MB		1 Prairie Warbler A	2 Golden-crowned Sparrow W
2 Cordilleran Flycatcher MB		Townsend's Solitaire RM		3 Palm Warbler M	White-crowned Sparrow MB
1 Black Phoebe VB		2 Veery MB		23 Bay-breasted Warbler MB	3 Harris' Sparrow W
3 Eastern Phoebe MB		1d Gray-cheeked Thrush M		23 Blackpoll Warbler M	Dark-eyed Junco RM
Say's Phoebe MB		Swainson's Thrush MB		1 Cerulean Warbler A	McCown's Longspur MB
3 Vermillion Flycatcher MB		Hermit Thrush MB		3 Black-and-white Warbler M	Lapland Longspur W
1 Dusky-capped Flycatcher A		2 Wood Thrush M		American Redstart MB	Chestn.-coll'd Longsp'r MB
3 Ash-throated Flycatcher MB		American Robin RM		23 Prothonotary Warbler M	3 Snow Bunting W#
2 Great Crested Flycatcher MB		2 Varied Thrush W		2 Worm-eating Warbler M	3 Bobolink MB
Cassin's Kingbird MB		MIMIDAE		1 Swainson's Warbler A	Red-winged Blackbird RM
Western Kingbird MB		Gray Catbird MB		3 Ovenbird MB	1d Eastern Meadowlark MB
Eastern Kingbird MB		Northern Mockingbird RM		Northern Waterthrush M	Western Meadowlark RM
3 Scissor-tailed Flycatcher MB		Sage Thrasher MB		1 Louisiana Waterthrush A	Yellow-headed Blackb'd MB
ALAUDIDAE		Brown Thrasher MB		2 Kentucky Warbler M	2 Rusty Blackbird W
Horned Lark RM		1 Long-billed Thrasher A		1 Connecticut Warbler A	Brewer's Blackbird RM
HIRUNDINIDAE		1 Bendire's Thrasher VB		1 Mourning Warbler VM	3 Great-tailed Grackle RM
1e2 Purple Martin MB		3 Curve-billed Thrasher R		MacGillivray's Warbler MB	Common Grackle MB
Tree Swallow MB		MOTACILLIDAE		Common Yellowthroat MB	1 Bronzed Cowbird A
Violet-green Swallow MB		American Pipit RM		23 Hooded Warbler M	Brown-headed Cowbird MB
No. Rough-wing'd Sw'll'w MB		1 Sprague's Pipit A		Wilson's Warbler MB	Orchard Oriole MB
Bank Swallow MB		BOMBYCILLIDAE		23 Canada Warbler M	Northern Oriole MB
Cliff Swallow MB		2 Bohemian Waxwing W#		1 Painted Redstart A	2 Scott's Oriole MB
Barn Swallow MB		Cedar Waxwing RM		Yellow-breasted Chat MB	FRINGILLIDAE
CORVIDAE		PTILOGONATIDAE		1d Hepatic Tanager VB	1 Brambling A
3 Gray Jay R		1 Phainopepla VM		2 Summer Tanager M	Rosy Finch R
Steller's Jay R		LANIIDAE		23 Scarlet Tanager M	3 Pine Grosbeak R
Blue Jay RM		Northern Shrike W		Western Tanager MB	1d Purple Finch W
Scrub Jay R		Loggerhead Shrike RM		3 Northern Cardinal MB	Cassin's Finch R
3 Pinyon Jay R		STURNIDAE		1 Pyrrhuloxia A	House Finch R
Clark's Nutcracker R		European Starling IR		23 Rose-breasted Grosbeak MB	3 Red Crossbill R
Black-billed Magpie R		VIREONIDAE		Black-headed Grosbeak MB	2 White-winged Crossbill ?
American Crow R		1 White-eyed Vireo VB		Blue Grosbeak MB	3 Common Redpoll W#
2 Chihuahuan Raven R		3 Bell's Vireo MB		Lazuli Bunting MB	Pine Siskin R
Common Raven R		2 Gray Vireo MB		2 Indigo Bunting MB	Lesser Goldfinch MB
PARIDAE		Solitary Vireo MB		1 Painted Bunting VM	American Goldfinch RM
Black-capped Chickadee R		2 Yellow-throated Vireo M		3 Dickcissel MB	Evening Grosbeak R
Mountain Chickadee R		Warbling Vireo MB		Green-tailed Towhee MB	PASSERIDAE
3 Plain Titmouse R		1d Philadelphia Vireo M		Rufous-sided Towhee RM	House Sparrow IR
AEGITHALIDAE		Red-eyed Vireo MB		Canyon Towhee R	
3 Bushy R				2 Cassin's Sparrow MB	

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Abbreviations used in Table 1: a = adult, f = female, h = heard only, i = immature, j = juvenile, m = male

Table 1

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Species	Scheduled DFO Field Trips								Tuesday Birders					Indep. Trips		Species
	7 RXB	8 GGG	14 WGB	15 CSP	21 ELD	22 BCK	28 BAR	29 NEL	3 BPE	10 BGG	17 BHO	24 ECR	31 ROS	16 DNE	20-22 WMA	
Pied-billed Grebe					1			1						7		Pied-billed Grebe
Eared Grebe								1								Eared Grebe
Western Grebe							2	4						250		Western Grebe
Clark's Grebe														1		Clark's Grebe
American White Pelican				5		1	25	172						50		American White Pelican
Double-crest. Cormorant			5	20		6	10	11						5	2	Double-crest. Cormorant
Great Blue Heron				3	1		15	30						2	2	Great Blue Heron
Snowy Egret								1						20		Snowy Egret
Cattle Egret														25		Cattle Egret
Green-backed Heron				1a1i												Green-backed Heron
Black-crown. Night-Heron														4a1i		Black-crown. Night-Heron
White-faced Ibis														3		White-faced Ibis
Canada Goose			5	15	12		520	40						20		Canada Goose
Wood Duck								13						2		Wood Duck
Green-winged Teal								1						60		Green-winged Teal
Mallard			45	4	30	4	40	15						250	30	Mallard
Northern Pintail														40		Northern Pintail
Blue-winged Teal				1										30		Blue-winged Teal
Cinnamon Teal														4		Cinnamon Teal
"Blue-wngd." Teal species								5								"Blue-wngd." Teal species
Northern Shoveler														2m		Northern Shoveler
American Wigeon			2											2		American Wigeon
Lesser Scaup			1													Lesser Scaup
Common Merganser				25									1			Common Merganser
Ruddy Duck							2									Ruddy Duck
Turkey Vulture	3				5	1									11	Turkey Vulture
Osprey													1			Osprey
Bald Eagle							1i									Bald Eagle
Northern Harrier			1			1	1	4						2m1f	1	Northern Harrier
Sharp-shinned Hawk						1										Sharp-shinned Hawk
Cooper's Hawk		1											1			Cooper's Hawk
Accipiter species													2			Accipiter species
Swainson's Hawk						2	6	15						19		Swainson's Hawk
Red-tailed Hawk					1				1	1i		2	3		1	Red-tailed Hawk
western races						1	1	12						3		western races
"Kriders" race								1								"Kriders" race
Ferruginous Hawk								3						1		Ferruginous Hawk
Buteo species					5											Buteo species
Golden Eagle	1i												2	1a		Golden Eagle
American Kestrel	1	1		1			4	11				1		5	1	American Kestrel

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Merlin																1	Merlin
Peregrine Falcon																1a	Peregrine Falcon
Prairie Falcon																	Prairie Falcon
Ring-necked Pheasant							3										Ring-necked Pheasant
Blue Grouse																1f5i	Blue Grouse
Northern Bobwhite																	Northern Bobwhite
Virginia Rail							2									1h	Virginia Rail
Sora																2h	Sora
American Coot					1		6	3								2	American Coot
Black-bellied Plover							3	1								1	Black-bellied Plover
Semipalmated Plover				1				7									Semipalmated Plover
Killdeer				25	6	3	35	78								100	Killdeer
Black-necked Stilt																4	Black-necked Stilt
American Avocet				1				10								10	American Avocet
Greater Yellowlegs					2			2								35	Greater Yellowlegs
Lesser Yellowlegs							5	13								75	Lesser Yellowlegs
Solitary Sandpiper							1	1								2	Solitary Sandpiper
Spotted Sandpiper			2	5				6								3	Spotted Sandpiper
Long-billed Curlew																11	Long-billed Curlew
Sanderling								4									Sanderling
Western Sandpiper								5								2	Western Sandpiper
Least Sandpiper				3				65								7	Least Sandpiper
Baird's Sandpiper				12			130	385								3	Baird's Sandpiper
Pectoral Sandpiper								5									Pectoral Sandpiper
Stilt Sandpiper								65								2	Stilt Sandpiper
Long-billed Dowitcher							4					2				35	Long-billed Dowitcher
Common Snipe								2									Common Snipe
Wilson's Phalarope								13								20	Wilson's Phalarope
Franklin's Gull					10		2	4								40	Franklin's Gull
Ring-billed Gull			5	50	40	2	4	141			1					25	Ring-billed Gull
California Gull				12			9	7								5	California Gull
Common Tern								1									Common Tern
Forster's Tern					1			18								1	Forster's Tern
Black Tern								50								2	Black Tern
Rock Dove	13		3		1	3	2	36				7				60	Rock Dove
Band-tailed Pigeon		4								1							Band-tailed Pigeon
Mourning Dove		3	9	8		2	40	80				2				150	Mourning Dove
Eastern Screech-Owl								1h									Eastern Screech-Owl
Great Horned Owl								3								1	Great Horned Owl
Burrowing Owl																3	Burrowing Owl

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Northern Saw-Whet Owl								10						20	1j	Northern Saw-Whet Owl
Common Nighthawk					200										1	Common Nighthawk
White-throated Swift																White-throated Swift
Calliope Hummingbird															1f	Calliope Hummingbird
Broad-tailed Hummingbird	25	15		4	1	1			1	2	6	4	3		23	Broad-tailed Hummingbird
Rufous Hummingbird	1								1						2m6f	Rufous Hummingbird
Belted Kingfisher			1	4	1	1		1					1	1	1	Belted Kingfisher
Lewis' Woodpecker															2	Lewis' Woodpecker
Red-head. Woodpecker								8								Red-head. Woodpecker
Downy Woodpecker	1		3	1		1	4				2		1		1	Downy Woodpecker
eastern races								3						1f		eastern races
Hairy Woodpecker															1f	Hairy Woodpecker
eastern races								1								eastern races
Three-toed Woodpecker															1m	Three-toed Woodpecker
Northern Flicker	1			3					5		2		2			Northern Flicker
"Red-shafted" race		1	18		1	3	6	14						4	8	"Red-shafted" race
Olive-sided Flycatcher						1										Olive-sided Flycatcher
Western Wood-Pewee			2	30		2	10	4						4	9	Western Wood-Pewee
Willow Flycatcher														1		Willow Flycatcher
Least Flycatcher								1								Least Flycatcher
Cordilleran Flycatcher				1			2	1							2	Cordilleran Flycatcher
<i>Empidonax</i> sp.								2		2			1			<i>Empidonax</i> sp.
Ash-throated Flycatcher							3									Ash-throated Flycatcher
Great Crested Flycatcher								1h								Great Crested Flycatcher
Western Kingbird							3	13						35		Western Kingbird
Eastern Kingbird				3			3	15					2	5		Eastern Kingbird
Horned Lark							2							65		Horned Lark
Tree Swallow		2					1									Tree Swallow
Violet-Green Swallow	2	20	2		6			1							100	Violet-Green Swallow
Nrthn Rough-wng Swallow							1							1	1	Nrthn Rough-wng Swallow
Bank Swallow				1				4						1500		Bank Swallow
Cliff Swallow			55	25	5			1			5			50		Cliff Swallow
Barn Swallow			1	5	1	2	90	125			3	3	6	400	200	Barn Swallow
Gray Jay									1	1						Gray Jay
Steller's Jay		10			3	3			5	1	6	2	10		20	Steller's Jay
Blue Jay			2					40						3		Blue Jay
Scrub Jay	15														5	Scrub Jay
Clark's Nutcracker		7													3	Clark's Nutcracker
Black-billed Magpie		2	10	4	1	7	20	5	3	7	7	5	1	1	15	Black-billed Magpie
American Crow			4		1	6		10		1	14	2	3		37	American Crow

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	7 RXB	8 GGG	14 WGB	15 CSP	21 ELD	22 BCK	28 BAR	29 NEL		3 BPE	10 BGG	17 BHO	24 ECR	31 ROS	16 DNE	20-22 WMA	
Common Raven		5			3	3				2	2		1	1		11	Common Raven
Black-capped Chickadee	3		9	9	20	6	20	15				5		6	2	5	Black-capped Chickadee
Mountain Chickadee		10				12					2		10	6		75	Mountain Chickadee
Red-breasted Nuthatch		5		1								2		4		12	Red-breasted Nuthatch
White-breasted Nuthatch	2	1		1	4	2		2			2			3		14	White-breasted Nuthatch
Pygmy Nuthatch					10	6											Pygmy Nuthatch
Brown Creeper													2	2		8	Brown Creeper
Canyon Wren	2																Canyon Wren
House Wren		1	3	8		1	15	29			1		2	7	2	30	House Wren
Marsh Wren															10		Marsh Wren
American Dipper														3			American Dipper
Golden-crowned Kinglet		1															Golden-crowned Kinglet
Ruby-crowned Kinglet		2								1			2			4	Ruby-crowned Kinglet
Blue-Gray Gnatcatcher	6																Blue-Gray Gnatcatcher
Eastern Bluebird								4									Eastern Bluebird
Western Bluebird					1	3						1				8	Western Bluebird
Mountain Bluebird		5									10					7	Mountain Bluebird
Townsend's Solitaire		2			1						2		1	1			Townsend's Solitaire
American Robin	4	6	6	5	1	6	8	63		1	3	2		23	10	20	American Robin
Gray Catbird				1				1									Gray Catbird
Northern Mockingbird															2		Northern Mockingbird
Sage Thrasher					1												Sage Thrasher
Brown Thrasher								13							4		Brown Thrasher
Cedar Waxwing					2									1		2	Cedar Waxwing
Loggerhead Shrike							1							2	3		Loggerhead Shrike
European Starling		5	12		40	6	250	730				1			800	1	European Starling
Solitary Vireo												2				1	Solitary Vireo
Warbling Vireo							3	1								7	Warbling Vireo
Red-eyed Vireo								1									Red-eyed Vireo
Orange-crowned Warbler			2				4	3							1	11	Orange-crowned Warbler
Virginia's Warbler	1													1		6	Virginia's Warbler
Yellow Warbler	1		14	6			9	12				6			20	2	Yellow Warbler
Yellow-rumped Warbler										2							Yellow-rumped Warbler
"Audubon's" race		3			1								12				"Audubon's" race
Townsend's Warbler																26	Townsend's Warbler
American Redstart								2									American Redstart
Northern Waterthrush								1							1	1	Northern Waterthrush
MacGillivray's Warbler																1	MacGillivray's Warbler
Common Yellowthroat				2				12									Common Yellowthroat
Wilson's Warbler							15	38		3	1	2	2		1m	10	Wilson's Warbler
Western Tanager						2					1			1		2	Western Tanager
Black-headed Grosbeak	1	7		1				1						1	1m	8	Black-headed Grosbeak

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Blue Grosbeak														1m2f	1m1f	Blue Grosbeak
Lazuli Bunting					1										1m1f	Lazuli Bunting
Indigo Bunting					2											Indigo Bunting
Green-tailed Towhee					5								9		5	Green-tailed Towhee
Rufous-sided Towhee	12												1		4	Rufous-sided Towhee
Chipping Sparrow				1	5		4	25	2				10	1	35	Chipping Sparrow
Clay-colored Sparrow							1	3								Clay-colored Sparrow
Vesper Sparrow							2	1								Vesper Sparrow
Lark Sparrow			1				1						2	15	5	Lark Sparrow
Lark Bunting								2						80		Lark Bunting
Savannah Sparrow				3										1		Savannah Sparrow
Song Sparrow			2	2							1					Song Sparrow
Lincoln's Sparrow								1	1						4	Lincoln's Sparrow
White-crowned Sparrow		1							9	5	16		2			White-crowned Sparrow
Dark-eyed Junco																Dark-eyed Junco
"Slate-colored" race						2										"Slate-colored" race
"Gray-headed" race		5							2	10	1	9	20		60	"Gray-headed" race
McCown's Longspur														20		McCown's Longspur
Red-winged Blackbird			6		10					6				200	50	Red-winged Blackbird
Western Meadowlark					2		2	26						50	6	Western Meadowlark
Yellow-headed Blackbird					2		53							25		Yellow-headed Blackbird
Brewer's Blackbird		2			1			9			1			20	10	Brewer's Blackbird
Great-tailed Grackle														10		Great-tailed Grackle
Common Grackle		2	1					26						100	1	Common Grackle
Brown-headed Cowbird			2				2							6		Brown-headed Cowbird
Orchard Oriole								2f								Orchard Oriole
Northern Oriole																Northern Oriole
"Bullock's" race			6				1									"Bullock's" race
Rosy Finch																Rosy Finch
"Brown-capped" race										1						"Brown-capped" race
Pine Grosbeak		3														Pine Grosbeak
Cassin's Finch											6					Cassin's Finch
House Finch		5	26	3	1	12		50			2			5	20	House Finch
Red Crossbill										1i			6			Red Crossbill
Pine Siskin	6	15			1				10	2	4	2	55		300	Pine Siskin
Lesser Goldfinch	3			35											15	Lesser Goldfinch
"Green-backed" race													2			"Green-backed" race
"Black-backed" race													2			"Black-backed" race
American Goldfinch	5		10	50	7	6	6	8					1h	3	5	American Goldfinch
Evening Grosbeak	1									12					12	Evening Grosbeak
House Sparrow		10	16					140						130		House Sparrow
TOTAL SPECIES	23	32	35	44	45	35	56	93	18	24	26	17	39	97	80	TOTAL SPECIES
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	110	162	292	402	457	121	1415	2835	51	80	108	62	212	5032	1376	TOTAL INDIVIDUALS

ADDITIONAL JULY 1993 REPORTS

Instructions for submitting "Additional reports"

1. Individual "Additional Reports" of interesting sightings made during the month are welcomed. However, the Editor reserves the right to publish only those reports that are deemed unusual or rare, or augmenting the reports submitted by the leaders of scheduled DFO field trips. For a guide to the species that are of most interest, see Pages 122 through 125 of the *Lark Bunting*, Volume 28, Number 12 (September 1993).
2. The reports should be submitted in Sixth AOU Checklist order, and include the date(s) of observation, number of birds seen, sex, and plumage, if possible. Also, specific, detailed location (including county) information should be provided. A guide to preparing written documentation to support observation of extremely rare or accidental species as well as for those species that pose difficult field identification problems may be found in the *Lark Bunting*, Volume 27, Number 10 (July 1992).
3. Deadline for receipt of all additional reports is the fifth of the following month. They should be sent to the Editor.

Great Egret 8/26 (1a) Turk's Pond SWA, Baca County KS
8/29 (1) Lake Holbrook, Otero County BP, MJ, BD
Snowy Egret 8/29 (3) Lake Henry, Crowley County BP, MJ, BD
Little Blue Heron 8/26 (1i) Turk's Pond SWA, Baca County KS F
Cattle Egret 8/29 (approx. 30) South of Lower Latham Reservoir, Weld County BL
Green-backed Heron 8/9 (2a) Olive Marsh, Pueblo County BP
8/16 & 8/23 (1) Chatfield State Park, Douglas & Jefferson Counties BL
8/20 (1a) Fountain Creek Regional Park, El Paso County KS
Hooded Merganser 8/29 (2f) Lake Holbrook, Otero County BP, MJ, BD
Osprey 8/18 (1a) Cherry Creek State Recreation Area, Arapahoe County HF
Mississippi Kite 8/22 (1a) Arkansas River at Pueblo Boulevard, Pueblo County KS
8/26 (11a,3i) Lamar City Park, Prowers County KS
Cooper's Hawk 8/11 through 8/13, 8/23 (1a) Bow Mar Drive, Littleton, Jefferson County TJ
8/24 through 31 (1i) Bow Mar Drive, Littleton, Jefferson County TJ
Merlin 8/26 (1) south of Burchfield SWA, Baca County KS
Wild Turkey 8/7 (1a,4i) Daniels Park Road, Douglas County GE, HF
8/20 (30) near Wetmore, Custer County BP
Scaled Quail 8/22 (30) Burnt Mill Road, Pueblo County GE, HF
8/26 (5a9i) Roads G and 45, Baca County KS
8/31 (65) Pueblo West, Pueblo County BP
Black-bellied Plover 8/22 (3) south of Sugar City, Crowley County DB
8/29 (2b) Barr Lake State Park, Adams County BL
8/29 (2b,1w) Lake Holbrook, Otero County BP, MJ, BD
Snowy Plover 8/24 (3) Lake Cheraw, Otero County KS
8/24 (5) Lake Cheraw, Otero County BP, BD
Piping Plover 8/8 (1j) Jackson Reservoir, Morgan County BR
8/27 (1) Blue Lake, Bent County DB
Upland Sandpiper 8/22 (1) Nee Noshe Reservoir, Kiowa County DB
8/26 (1) Roads Z and 54, SE of Walsh, Baca County KS
Long-billed Curlew 8/24 (90) Adobe Creek Reservoir, Bent County BP, BD
8/30 (2) Chatfield Reservoir, Jefferson County KS
Short-billed Dowitcher 8/24 (2) Nee Noshe Reservoir, Prowers County BP, BD
Red-necked Phalarope 8/24 (1) Upper Queens Reservoir, Prowers County BP, BD
Bonaparte's Gull 8/22 (1) Nee Noshe Reservoir, Kiowa County DB
Least Tern 8/24 (2) Adobe Creek Reservoir, Bent County BP, BD
8/27 (1a,1i) Blue Lake, Bent County DB
Yellow-billed Cuckoo 8/29 (1) Lake Henry, Crowley County BP, MJ, BD

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The following guidelines should be followed when participating in a DFO field trip:

Call the Colorado Bird Report at 279-3076 before going on a field trip to determine if there have been any cancellations or changes in schedules.

Carpool if possible so the leader will have few cars to keep track of and get parked at stops. Carpooling also saves gasoline and reduces air pollution. Stay reasonably close to the group whether in cars or on foot.

DO NOT LEAVE THE GROUP WITHOUT NOTIFYING THE LEADER.

Everyone is expected to share in the mileage expenses on scheduled DFO field trips. The suggested share is 10 cents per mile divided by the number of people in the car including the driver.

OCTOBER DFO FIELD TRIPS

October 2, Saturday. Wheat Ridge Green Belt. Leader: Bob Fleming (279-8122). Meet at 0730 at Prospect Park Lake south of West 44th Avenue. +!

October 3, Sunday. Boulder area. Leader: Bob Jickling (499-4977). Meet to carpool at 0730 south of West 38th Avenue on Vance Street (one block east of Wadsworth). Park on street east of church parking lot. Meet leader at 0815 on north side of US Department of Commerce Boulder Laboratories (from US 36, take Baseline exit and turn left, turn left again at next light, cross street at next light onto lab grounds). *

October 9, Saturday. Bear Creek from the plains to the foothills. Leader: Cal Wichern (693-3718). Meet at 0800 east of Pancake House in Bear Valley Shopping Center on east side of Sheridan just north of US 285 (Hampden). *

October 10, Sunday. Barr Lake State Park. Leaders: Lee and Marilyn Rowe (659-8069). Carpool at 0715 at east end of north parking lot of Museum of Natural History at City Park. Meet leaders at Nature Center in park at 0800. + ! \$

October 16, Saturday. Chatfield State Park. Leader: Randy Lentz (777-7101). Meet at 0730 at west gate of park. + ! \$



October 17, Sunday. Lakes from Wheat Ridge to Golden. Leader: Diana Mullineaux (278-7245). Meet at 0800 at Prospect Lake south of West 44th Avenue near Robb Street. + !

October 23, Saturday. Cherry Creek Reservoir State Park. Leader: Karleen Schofield (936-8667). Meet at 0800 at the west gate of the park, east of Cherry Creek High School off Union east of South Yosemite. + ! \$

October 23 and 24, Saturday and Sunday. Monte Vista NWR for cranes. Leader: Alan Hay (422-0239). Meet to carpool at 0700 at Park-and-Ride on west side of South Wadsworth just south of US 285 (Hampden). Register with leader in advance if going. Bring CB radio if you have one. On Saturday, visit NWR for crane tour. Spend night at Best Western Movie Manor Motor Inn (719 852-5921) west of town on US 160. Sunday visit Home Lake, Alamosa NWR, Smith Reservoir SWA, and Lathrop State Park. * \$

October 30, Saturday. Rocky Mountain Arsenal. Leader: Ed Holub (979-2194). Call leader if going. Meet at west gate of the arsenal on Quebec Street at East 72nd Avenue. *

October 31, Sunday. Chatfield Arboretum. Leader: Marsha Staughton (940-6607) and Steve Frye. Meet at 0800 at Visitor's Center - one room school house (just west of South Wadsworth on Deer Creek Canyon Road). Chatfield Arboretum charges \$1.00 admission fee. +

* = Bring Lunch, + = Half-Day Trip
\$ = Parks Pass required, ! = Lunch Optional

Submitted By:
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DENVER FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS - Membership Information

WELCOME TO THE DFO

PURPOSE: The prime objective of the club is to promote interest in the study and preservation of birds and their habitats. Members are encouraged to learn about birds in the field noting species and numbers and at the same time learning about their songs and calls as well as habits and habitats.

REGULAR MEETINGS: The general meetings are held each month (except June, July, August, and December) at 7:30 PM at the Denver Museum of Natural History. Dates and subjects of the meetings are reported on the Colorado Bird Report (279-3076) and in *The Lark Bunting*. The meetings are open to the public without charge.

FIELD TRIPS: These are scheduled for almost every Saturday and Sunday throughout the year to a variety of habitats near Denver. Occasionally special trips are arranged to good birding areas in other parts of Colorado. Usually it is necessary to bring a lunch, and to wear sturdy hiking shoes or boots. Carpooling is encouraged to get the most from bird watching, as well as to save time and energy. Carpooling cost is 10 cents per mile divided by the number of people in the car including the driver.

BULLETIN: A monthly bulletin, *The Lark Bunting*, is issued, listing field trips scheduled. A complete list of birds seen on the previous month's trips is given in checklist order as are interesting sightings reported by members.

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REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING ON THE FIRST WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER THROUGH MAY, EXCEPT FOR DECEMBER, AT 7:30 PM, DENVER MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY, RICKETSON AUDITORIUM

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, November 3, 1993

PROGRAM: Birding in Newfoundland, Summer and Winter
by Dr. Joe Roller

***** COLORADO BIRD REPORT -- 279-3076 *****

September 1993 Field Trip Summary

September 4, Saturday (HLC)
Highline Canal and Daniels Park. Leader: Ruth Breckon. Observers: Sherry Chapman, Sue Kane, Jeff Knight, JoAnne Kyhl, Joe TenBrink. (Clear; Calm; 13 to 30°C). 88.5 km by car, 4.8 km on foot. 0800-1430. (45 species; 371 individuals)

September 4 through 6, Saturday through Monday (SEC)
Southeastern Colorado, including Lakes Meredith, Henry, Cheraw, and Blue Lake, Hasty Campgrounds, Nee Grande and Nee So Pah Reservoirs, Cottonwood Canyon, Carrizo Picnic Ground, Burchfield SWA, Bear Creek below Two Buttes Dam, Lamar Community College woods, and Willow Creek Park. Leader: Dan Bridges. Observers: George Armbrust, Mary Bill Bauer, Marlene Eggerling, Gail Evans, Howard Frisch, Walt Hackney, Glenn and Jeane Hageman, Alan and Dee Hay, Kurt Hebner, Dieter Kamm, Hope Leighton, Randy Lentz, Stacy Lyon, Suzi and Myron Plooster, Bob Spencer, Sylvia Wheelock. 714 km by car, 5.5 km on foot. 28 hours birding. (133 species; 3,313 individuals)

Fall Count

September 11, Saturday (WTN)
Waterton. Leader: Hugh Kingery. Observers: Kitty Albee, George Armbrust, Mary Dexter, Marlene Eggerling, Gail Evans, Howard Frisch, Fern Maher, Alberta Nelson, Dick Pratt. (Clear, warm; no wind or temp. reported) 16 km by car, 10.8 km on foot. 0645-1345. (60 species; 729 individuals)

September 11, Saturday (CSR)
Chatfield State Recreation Area. Leader: Joey Kellner. Observers: Ruth Ball, Walt Hackney, Glenn Hageman, Jack Reddall, Ira Sanders, Steve Stachowiak. (Clear; Wind N 0 to 8 kph; 14 to 33°C) 38.6 km by car, 10.8 km on foot. 0630-1740. (80 species; 708 individuals)

September 11, Saturday (LBC)
Lower Bear Creek and Marston Reservoir. Leaders: Mary Jane Schock and Bob Spencer. Observers: Lori Chappell, Sue Kane, Judy Lane, Glen Meyers, Betty and Harold Oliver, Mort Staatz. (Clear; Wind 0 to 24 kph; 13 to 33°C) 70.8 km by car, 4.8 km on foot. 0700-1530. (67 species; 2,555 individuals)

September 12, Sunday (CCP)
Castlewood Canyon State Park. Leader: Randy Lentz. Observers: Ursula Barsch, Bev DuGay, Joe TenBrink. (Clear; Wind SW 2 to 20 kph; 10 to 25°C) 21 km by car, 4.5 km on foot. 0530-1600. (57 species; 595 individuals)

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The Denver Field Ornithologists was organized as the Colorado Bird Club in 1935, and membership is open to anyone interested in the birds of the Denver area in particular, and the birds of Colorado in general. The organization presents monthly evening programs (except in the summer) and conducts about 100 field trips annually.

Regular individual or family membership is \$15.00 per year. Senior citizen (age 65 or older) is \$12.00 per year. Student (age 18 or younger) membership is \$5.00 per year. Applications for membership should be sent to the Treasurer (see address below). A membership application form is usually attached to the back of the *Lark Bunting*.

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Notices or announcements of classes, lectures, special field trips, etc. relating to birds that are intended for inclusion in the *Lark Bunting* should be received in the mail by the Editor no later than the 5th of the month of issue. The Editor reserves the right to accept or refuse and to edit the announcement(s).

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Fall Count continued

September 12, Sunday (BAR)

Barr Lake State Park. Leader: Bob Righter.
Observers: Sue Bonfield, Warren Finch,
Marge Oldson, Dick Pratt, Bob Spencer.
(Clear; Wind W 0 to 32 kph; 10 to 25°C)
8 km by car, 6.4 km on foot. 0645-1315.
(58 species; 2,205 individuals)

September 12, Sunday (RMA)

Rocky Mountain Arsenal. Leader: Hugh Kingery.
Observers: Mary Bill Barrett (Louisville, KY),
Danguole Bockus, Diane Buell, Jeff Knight, Betty
Marland. (Clear; Wind 24 to 32 kph; no temp.
reported) 32 km by car, 3.2 km on foot.
0645-1345. (53 species; 651 individuals)

September 12, Sunday (BLP)

Barr Lake Periphery. Leader: Chris Wood.
Observers: Scott Menough, Russ Wood, Rhonda
and David Woodward. (Clear to mostly cloudy;
Wind NW 0 to 40 kph; 11 to 33°C)
143.3 km by car, 3.2 km on foot. No times
reported. (94 species; 8,634 individuals)

September 15, Sunday (CCR)

Cherry Creek Reservoir. Leader: Mort Staatz.
Observers: Glenn Hageman, Sue Kane,
Jack Reddall, Bob Righter. (Clear; Wind 1.6 to
6.4 kph; 7 to 21°C) 11.3 km by car, 4.8 km on
foot. 0630-1340. (60 species; 692 individuals)

September 18, Saturday (PBA)

Pueblo area, including Olive Marsh, City Park,
Valco Ponds, Pueblo Reservoir, and Pueblo West.
Leader: Brandon Percival. Observers: Frosty
Donley, Lois Foreman, Glenn and Jeane
Hageman, Dave Johnson, Betty and Harold Oliver,
Myron and Suzi Plooster, Donna Randolph, Jack
Reddall, Ira Sanders, Cliff and Pearle Sandstrom-
Smith, Karleen Schofield, Jack Short, David
Silverman, Laura Townsend, Van Truan, Sylvia
Wheelock, Amy Young. (Cloudy then clearing,
some rain; Wind variable 0 to 2.4 kph; 13 to 21°C).
51.5 km by car, 4.8 km on foot. 0800-1630.
(81 species; 2,617 individuals)

September Field Trips Continued

September 25, Sunday (RGR)
Denver to Rigli Ranch and back. Leader: Joe Rigli.
Observers: Myriam Friggens, Phil Hayes, Jeff Knight, Steve Litz, Jack Reddall. (Cool and clear to partly cloudy; Wind NW 16 to 22 kph; 7 to 25°C). 301 km by car, 4.8 km on foot. 0730-1730. (57 species; 1,276 individuals)

September 26, Sunday (WGB)
Wheat Ridge Greenbelt. Leader: Patty Echelmeyer.
Observers: Karen Bickett, Pat and Dale Bucknam, Ruth Demont (California), Bobbi and Cathleen DeMuth, Jo and Ferd Dirckx, David Pantle, Suzi Plooster, Jerry Robinson, Joe and Dan Roller, Steven Segal, Sandy Seltzer, Lori and John Smith, Marilyn Stevens, Joe TenBrink. (Partly cloudy; Calm; 7 to 15°C). 0 km by car, 4.8 km on foot. 0830-1330. (39 species; 612 individuals)

Tuesday Birders (Compiled by Monna Krebs)

September 7. Boulder, Chatauqua Park, Walker Ranch, Meyers Homestead Trail, and Flagstaff Mountain (BCW). Leader: Ann Bonnell.
32 observers. 0900-1230.
38 species; 318 individuals.

September 14. Wheat Ridge Greenbelt (WRG).
Leader: Ann Bonnell. 20 observers. 0900-1230.
43 species; 417 individuals.

September 21. Kenosha Pass, Boreas Pass, Breckenridge, Hoosier Pass, Fairplay, and Milligen Lakes (KBB). Leader: Ann Bonnell.
23 observers. 0930-1645.
33 species; 271 individuals.

September 28. Bergen Park to Chicago Creek Trail Campground via Squaw Pass and Echo Lake (BPK). Leader: Ann Bonnell. 29 observers. 0900-1230. 20 species; 74 individuals.

Independent Trips

September 4. Pueblo area, including Burnt Mill Road, Blue Lakes, Percival cabin, Beulah, Valco Ponds, Olive Marsh, Fowler, Rocky Ford SWA, Lakes Holbrook, Cheraw, Henry, and Meredith, and Ordway (PAR). Observers: Brandon Percival, Van Truan, Chris Wood. 0000-2130.
631.4 km by car, 1.6 km on foot.
152 species; 5,728 individuals.

September 22. Denver to Rigli Ranch, San Arroyo Creek and San Arroyo Reservoir, and back (DRR).
Observers: Jack Reddall, Joe Rigli, 17 participants in Denver Museum of Natural History field trip. 0630-1800. 291.4 km by car, 4.8 km on foot. 58 species; 961 individuals.

September 22. Last Chance to Anton, north and south of US 36 (LCA). Observers: Hugh and Urling Kingery. 33 species, 965 individuals.

SEPTEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

A total of 180 species was reported from the five scheduled field trips in September. Of the species seen by the Tuesday Birders, 11 were seen on no DFO trip, and 22 more species were reported from the 3 independent trips taken by DFO members, making a total of 213 species shown on Table 1 (Pages 5-10). Also, 15 otherwise unreported species were counted on the 8 fall count trips shown in Table 2 (Pages 11-13). In addition, 28 species were reported as additional sightings, and not reported on any DFO trip. Thus, 256 species were reported to the DFO for the month of September.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Colorado Bird Observatory is having a Songbird Art Show, with support from the Adams County Scientific and Cultural Council and the Thornton Arts, Sciences, and Humanities Council. The goal of the Songbird Art Show is to focus public attention on shorebirds, waders, and songbirds, and to celebrate the work of artists who portray these birds. The show will take place November 19 through 21 at the Thornton Civic Center. Artists are invited to submit work. The show will be open to the public November 20 and 21 from 10 AM to 4 PM. Admission is \$2.00 for adults. Children 12 and under are free. For more information, contact the Colorado Bird Observatory at 659-4348.

It is with sadness that we report the passing of Helen Hayes, wife of Phil Hayes, who is a long-time DFO member and former Editor of *The Lark Bunting*. Our thoughts are with Phil in this time of grief.

The program scheduled for the monthly meeting on May 4, 1994, will be the Members' Slide Show. This has been a popular event, and notice is being given far in advance to encourage you to take your camera along and use it on your field trips.

Tina Jones is having very good luck with the plants she put out to attract hummingbirds and other songbirds to her yard. For more information about what to plant to attract various types of birds, contact Tina. She also reports late Broad-tailed Hummingbirds in her yard in Bow Mar, and a Cooper's Hawk which caught a Mourning Dove in her yard.

The Rocky Mountain Arsenal NWA Nature Program has many events planned for this fall, including several children's activities. A short field trip stressing "Bird Basics" will be held on Saturday, November 6. Call 289-0232 to register and for further information.

From August 27 to September 4, several members of the DFO participated in a maritime trip along the coast of Maine, Nova Scotia, and New Brunswick. Led by Bob Righter, the participants included Patty Echelmeyer, Pearl Jordon, Paul and Lynn Kilburn, Jack and Dorothy Reddall, Joe Roller, and Mort Staatz. Some highlights were Manx Shearwater, Northern Wheatear, and several whales.

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Abbreviations used in Table 1: a = adult, f = female, h = heard only, i = immature, m = male

Table 1

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	Scheduled DFO Field Trips					Tuesday Birders				Indep. Trips			
	4 HLC	4-6 SEC	18 PBA	25 RGR	26 WGB	7 BCW	14 WRG	21 KBB	28 BPK	4 PAR	22 DPR	22 LCA	
Pied-billed Grebe	1	2	2		1		4	1		1			Pied-billed Grebe
Eared Grebe		8						3		2			Eared Grebe
Western Grebe		10	2							2			Western Grebe
Clark's Grebe		20								20			Clark's Grebe
American White Pelican	16	700	1							40			American White Pelican
Double-crested Cormorant	19	60	10		7		4			20			Double-crested Cormorant
American Bittern										1			American Bittern
Great Blue Heron		20	22							15	1	4	Great Blue Heron
Great Egret		1								1			Great Egret
Snowy Egret		1								1			Snowy Egret
Green-backed Heron			3										Green-backed Heron
Black-crowned Night-Heron		2	60				2			2a			Black-crowned Night-Heron
White-faced Ibis		9						1		25			White-faced Ibis
Canada Goose			30		60		73			35	30		Canada Goose
Wood Duck	1		40							3			Wood Duck
Green-winged Teal				10	3		2			2	20		Green-winged Teal
American Black Duck			1m										American Black Duck
Mallard	29	200	80	10	23		60			40	10		Mallard
Northern Pintail			1							4	2		Northern Pintail
Blue-winged Teal			1	1						20	35		Blue-winged Teal
Cinnamon Teal					1					1			Cinnamon Teal
"Blue-winged Teal" species		50						1		25			"Blue-winged Teal" species
Northern Shoveler		50								60			Northern Shoveler
Gadwall		1			40		1	30		3			Gadwall
American Wigeon			20		7		1	1		25			American Wigeon
Redhead	6	25			2					212			Redhead
Ring-necked Duck					4		1	1					Ring-necked Duck
Lesser Scaup							1	1		1			Lesser Scaup
Bufflehead								1					Bufflehead
Common Merganser	4												Common Merganser
Ruddy Duck		6	1					15		20	1m		Ruddy Duck
Turkey Vulture		15	11			15				21			Turkey Vulture
Osprey			9										Osprey
Mississippi Kite		1	13							15			Mississippi Kite
Northern Harrier		10	2	1				1		3	2	9	Northern Harrier
Sharp-shinned Hawk					1	1				1	2		Sharp-shinned Hawk
Cooper's Hawk	1	1				1		1	1		1		Cooper's Hawk
Northern Goshawk						1							Northern Goshawk
Accipiter sp.									1				Accipiter sp.
Swainson's Hawk	1	20		4	1		1			5	6	746	Swainson's Hawk
Red-tailed Hawk						1		6	1			21	Red-tailed Hawk
western races		4	3	12						10	12		western races

Table 1, September Field Trips

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	Scheduled DFO Field Trips					Tuesday Birders				Indep. Trips			
	4 HLC	4-6 SEC	18 PBA	25 RGR	26 WGB	7 BCW	14 WRG	21 KBB	28 BPK	4 PAR	22 DRR	22 LCA	
Ferruginous Hawk		4	1	3				1		2	1	7	Ferruginous Hawk
<i>Buteo</i> species					2			1				4	<i>Buteo</i> species
Golden Eagle		3				1				14	3	10	Golden Eagle
American Kestrel		15	1	4		1		1		1		6	American Kestrel
Prairie Falcon		1											Prairie Falcon
Ring-necked Pheasant		1								1m2f			Ring-necked Pheasant
Northern Bobwhite		30											Northern Bobwhite
Scaled Quail			52										Scaled Quail
American Coot		40	3		3		2	30		350			American Coot
Snowy Plover		12											Snowy Plover
Semipalmated Plover		6											Semipalmated Plover
Killdeer	7	50	8	15	2		1			82	10	2	Killdeer
Mountain Plover								3			1		Mountain Plover
American Avocet		30		1									American Avocet
Greater Yellowlegs		2		4						2			Greater Yellowlegs
Lesser Yellowlegs		25		50						50	25		Lesser Yellowlegs
Solitary Sandpiper				1						4	2		Solitary Sandpiper
Willet		2											Willet
Upland Sandpiper		1											Upland Sandpiper
Marbled Godwit		5											Marbled Godwit
Sanderling		4		1						4			Sanderling
Semipalmated Sandpiper		20								4			Semipalmated Sandpiper
Western Sandpiper		5											Western Sandpiper
Least Sandpiper		1		2						15			Least Sandpiper
Baird's Sandpiper		20								17			Baird's Sandpiper
Unidentified "peep"			1										Unidentified "peep"
Pectoral Sandpiper				4						17			Pectoral Sandpiper
Stilt Sandpiper		60		3						22			Stilt Sandpiper
Long-billed Dowitcher		1		1									Long-billed Dowitcher
Common Snipe		1											Common Snipe
Wilson's Phalarope		15						2		3			Wilson's Phalarope
Red-necked Phalarope		2											Red-necked Phalarope
Franklin's Gull		900								2020			Franklin's Gull
Bonaparte's Gull		1											Bonaparte's Gull
Ring-billed Gull	18	50	140	50	34		45			51	2		Ring-billed Gull
California Gull		10	115							11			California Gull
Herring Gull			1										Herring Gull
Great Black-backed Gull										1i			Great Black-backed Gull
<i>Larus</i> sp.								1					<i>Larus</i> sp.
Common Tern			2a1i										Common Tern
Forster's Tern		8	6										Forster's Tern
Least Tern		1a1i								1			Least Tern
Black Tern		5	13							12			Black Tern

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	4	4-6	18	25	26	7	14	21	28	4	22	22	
	HLC	SEC	PBA	RGR	WGB	BCW	WRG	KBB	BPK	PAR	DRR	LCA	
Rock Dove		40	45	40		2				72	10		Rock Dove
Mourning Dove	7	35	10	15	1		2			29	50	56	Mourning Dove
Barn Owl		1		1						1+7h	2		Barn Owl
Flammulated Owl										1h			Flammulated Owl
Western Screech-Owl		1+2h								1+4h			Western Screech-Owl
Great Horned Owl		2		3						14h	1	4	Great Horned Owl
Burrowing Owl		2	6							1	2		Burrowing Owl
Long-eared Owl										1h			Long-eared Owl
Northern Saw-Whet Owl										1i			Northern Saw-Whet Owl
Common Nighthawk		2								8			Common Nighthawk
Common Poorwill										1			Common Poorwill
Chimney Swift		25								2			Chimney Swift
Broad-tailed Hummingbird			1			2				3(1m			Broad-tailed Hummingbird
Belted Kingfisher	1	1	6		3		1			1	1f	1	Belted Kingfisher
Lewis' Woodpecker	4	25								4			Lewis' Woodpecker
Red-headed Woodpecker		3								1			Red-headed Woodpecker
Red-naped Sapsucker			1	1m									Red-naped Sapsucker
Ladder-backed Woodpecker		4											Ladder-backed Woodpecker
Downy Woodpecker	4		8		7		4			1			Downy Woodpecker
eastern races		3		1m							2		eastern races
Hairy Woodpecker			2			1			1	2			Hairy Woodpecker
eastern races		1											eastern races
Northern Flicker						5	14		1	9	10		Northern Flicker
"Red-shafted" race	2	5	12	10	20								"Red-shafted" race
Olive-sided Flycatcher		1	1										Olive-sided Flycatcher
Western Wood-Pewee		3	4				3			7			Western Wood-Pewee
Least Flycatcher											1		Least Flycatcher
Cordilleran Flycatcher		1											Cordilleran Flycatcher
Eastern Phoebe		7	1										Eastern Phoebe
Say's Phoebe	3	5	1	2						4	4		Say's Phoebe
Cassin's Kingbird		3		1						15	1		Cassin's Kingbird
Western Kingbird		10	1							19			Western Kingbird
Eastern Kingbird		2								2			Eastern Kingbird
Horned Lark	1	100	20	80				27		13	60		Horned Lark
Violet-Green Swallow										4			Violet-Green Swallow
Nrthn Rough-winged Swallow										1			Nrthn Rough-winged Swallow
Cliff Swallow	17	2								35	1		Cliff Swallow
Barn Swallow	13	30	7	45	3	10	12	5		30	120	7	Barn Swallow

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	HLC	SEC	PBA	RGR	WGB	BCW	WRG	KBB	BPK	PAR	DRR	LCA	
Gray Jay								14	3	4			Gray Jay
Steller's Jay						3			7	14			Steller's Jay
Blue Jay	1	4	5		2		7			6			Blue Jay
Scrub Jay	4	5	2							11			Scrub Jay
Pinyon Jay		1								1			Pinyon Jay
Clark's Nutcracker										6			Clark's Nutcracker
Black-billed Magpie	10	6	40	10	29	1	45	3	1	6	6		Black-billed Magpie
American Crow	1	7	20	3	2	3	7		1	14	5		American Crow
Chihuahuan Raven		8								2			Chihuahuan Raven
Common Raven			7			5		3	2	11			Common Raven
Black-capped Chickadee	13	4	85		29		16			14			Black-capped Chickadee
Mountain Chickadee			1			4		2	8	142			Mountain Chickadee
Plain Titmouse										1			Plain Titmouse
Bushtit		7											Bushtit
Red-breasted Nuthatch			4	1		4				7		1	Red-breasted Nuthatch
White-breasted Nuthatch	2		4							8			White-breasted Nuthatch
Pygmy Nuthatch						25				4			Pygmy Nuthatch
Brown Creeper			1						3	4			Brown Creeper
Rock Wren		7	2	1						2			Rock Wren
Canyon Wren		4											Canyon Wren
Bewick's Wren		6	6							2			Bewick's Wren
House Wren	4	12	2		1	4				1	1	2	House Wren
Marsh Wren		1					1						Marsh Wren
Golden-crowned Kinglet										3			Golden-crowned Kinglet
Ruby-crowned Kinglet			3	3		2		1	2	29	4	2	Ruby-crowned Kinglet
Blue-Gray Gnatcatcher		14									1	1	Blue-Gray Gnatcatcher
Western Bluebird						2			5				Western Bluebird
Mountain Bluebird	21					35		31	6	1			Mountain Bluebird
Townsend's Solitaire				1					8	1h		1	Townsend's Solitaire
Hermit Thrush				1									Hermit Thrush
American Robin	3	25	50	60	15	30	4	6	4	29	20	20	American Robin
Gray Catbird	1	2											Gray Catbird
Northern Mockingbird		2											Northern Mockingbird
Brown Thrasher		12								2	2		Brown Thrasher
Curve-billed Thrasher			2										Curve-billed Thrasher
American Pipit				1						4			American Pipit
Cedar Waxwing						12				2		3	Cedar Waxwing
Loggerhead Shrike		2	1							4			Loggerhead Shrike
European Starling	17	35	1000	150	122		15	9		496	150		European Starling

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Solitary Vireo "Cassin's" race		1					2			1		1	Solitary Vireo "Cassin's" race
Warbling Vireo		2			1		4			1			Warbling Vireo
Philadelphia Vireo		1											Philadelphia Vireo
Red-eyed Vireo		1											Red-eyed Vireo
Tennessee Warbler		1					1			1			Tennessee Warbler
Orange-crowned Warbler		2	3	4	4	2	7			9	3	12	Orange-crowned Warbler
Virginia's Warbler						3	5			3			Virginia's Warbler
Yellow Warbler		1	3			1	1			5			Yellow Warbler
Chestnut-sided Warbler		1											Chestnut-sided Warbler
Black-throated Blue Warbler											1f		Black-throated Blue Warbler
Yellow-rumped Warbler "Myrtle" race					2	28	1				15	8	Yellow-rumped Warbler "Myrtle" race
"Audubon's" race			1	20	83			1	1	60			"Audubon's" race
Townsend's Warbler		1	1			2				28			Townsend's Warbler
Bay-breasted Warbler		1										1	Bay-breasted Warbler
Blackpoll Warbler		1											Blackpoll Warbler
American Redstart		1f											American Redstart
Worm-eating Warbler					1							1	Worm-eating Warbler
Ovenbird													Ovenbird
Northern Waterthrush										1			Northern Waterthrush
MacGillivray's Warbler	1					3							MacGillivray's Warbler
Common Yellowthroat							1				1		Common Yellowthroat
Wilson's Warbler		50	30	4	4	8	6			67	13	3	Wilson's Warbler
Yellow-breasted Chat		1											Yellow-breasted Chat
Scarlet Tanager												1	Scarlet Tanager
Western Tanager		1	9	1						2	1m		Western Tanager
Northern Cardinal			1m										Northern Cardinal
Black-headed Grosbeak	2		1							1m			Black-headed Grosbeak
Blue Grosbeak		4								3			Blue Grosbeak
Lazuli Bunting				1m						3	3		Lazuli Bunting
Green-tailed Towhee											1	1	Green-tailed Towhee
Rufous-sided Towhee				1						3	3		Rufous-sided Towhee
Canyon Towhee		7	3							4			Canyon Towhee
Rufous-crowned Sparrow		4											Rufous-crowned Sparrow
Chipping Sparrow		1		45						71	15	5	Chipping Sparrow
Clay-colored Sparrow										2	20	5	Clay-colored Sparrow
Vesper Sparrow	16			35		1				14	75		Vesper Sparrow
Lark Sparrow	12	7								4			Lark Sparrow
Lark Bunting	1	60								3			Lark Bunting

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	4 HLC	4-6 SEC	18 PBA	25 RGR	26 WGB	7 BCW	14 WRG	21 KBB	28 BPK	4 PAR	22 DRR	22 LCA	
Savannah Sparrow		1								3			Savannah Sparrow
Baird's Sparrow	1												Baird's Sparrow
Song Sparrow	2	1		1	6		3						Song Sparrow
Lincoln's Sparrow	2	1								11		2	Lincoln's Sparrow
White-crowned Sparrow					8		3	1		12			White-crowned Sparrow
"Gambel's" race				7							4	12	"Gambel's" race
Dark-eyed Junco				1									Dark-eyed Junco
"Oregon" race													"Oregon" race
"Gray-headed" race						2		4	12	278			"Gray-headed" race
McCown's Longspur				15									McCown's Longspur
Red-winged Blackbird	9	30	150	300	26		30	30		320	100		Red-winged Blackbird
Western Meadowlark	2	35	30	30				2		11	35		Western Meadowlark
Yellow-headed Blackbird		3								50			Yellow-headed Blackbird
Brewer's Blackbird			5				6	30		8			Brewer's Blackbird
Common Grackle			200	120	10		1			182			Common Grackle
Brown-headed Cowbird		11								3			Brown-headed Cowbird
Northern Oriole													Northern Oriole
"Bullock's" race		1											"Bullock's" race
Pine Grosbeak										5			Pine Grosbeak
Cassin's Finch										11			Cassin's Finch
House Finch	15	2	120		15	6	15			19			House Finch
Red Crossbill										2			Red Crossbill
Pine Siskin	30					75			3	28		1	Pine Siskin
Lesser Goldfinch	41	1				12				13			Lesser Goldfinch
American Goldfinch			3	4	15	4	2			1	1		American Goldfinch
Evening Grosbeak										30			Evening Grosbeak
House Sparrow	5	60	40	80	12				3	17	50	5	House Sparrow
TOTAL SPECIES	45	133	81	57	39	38	43	33	20	152	58	33	TOTAL SPECIES
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	371	3313	2617	1276	612	318	417	271	74	5728	961	965	TOTAL INDIVIDUALS

Table 2, Fall Count Results

Abbreviations used in Table 1: a = adult, f = female, h = heard only, i = immature, j = juvenile, m = male

Table 2

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	11	11	11	12	12	12	12	15
	WTN	CSR	LBC	CCP	BAR	RMA	BLP	OCR
Common Loon			2					Common Loon
Pied-billed Grebe	10	2	26	1	2	4	2	9 Pied-billed Grebe
Horned Grebe			2					Horned Grebe
Eared Grebe	10				2			1 Eared Grebe
Western Grebe					1		6	16 Western Grebe
Clark's Grebe							4	Clark's Grebe
American White Pelican			2		20	1	75	15 American White Pelican
Double-crested Cormorant	3	17	63				1	75 Double-crested Cormorant
American Bittern								American Bittern
Great Blue Heron	1	5	9	1	12	2	19	30 Great Blue Heron
Black-crowned Night-Heron	1	2			1			1 Black-crowned Night-Heron
Canada Goose	89	75	93		1000		515	30 Canada Goose
Wood Duck	2						6	Wood Duck
Green-winged Teal	1		10		40	20	80	38 Green-winged Teal
Mallard	28	15	152	2	40	40	350	65 Mallard
Northern Pintail					20		7	Northern Pintail
Blue-winged Teal		10				1	15	Blue-winged Teal
Cinnamon Teal							2	Cinnamon Teal
"Blue-winged Teal" species				7		40	50	5 "Blue-winged Teal" species
Northern Shoveler					30		1	Northern Shoveler
Gadwall					30		1	Gadwall
American Wigeon	60		5		20		13	3 American Wigeon
Redhead	5		243					5 Redhead
Ring-necked Duck	1		9				1	Ring-necked Duck
Lesser Scaup					1		1	Lesser Scaup
Common Merganser	6	13					3	Common Merganser
Ruddy Duck			7				14	Ruddy Duck
Turkey Vulture	1	1	1	105		5	3	Turkey Vulture
Osprey					1		1	1 Osprey
Northern Harrier	1	2				2	21	3 Northern Harrier
Sharp-shinned Hawk	2			1				2 Sharp-shinned Hawk
Cooper's Hawk		2		1		1		1 Cooper's Hawk
Swainson's Hawk		1	1		2	1	20	Swainson's Hawk
Red-tailed Hawk								Red-tailed Hawk
western races		4	3	5a		16	5	2 western races
Ferruginous Hawk						12	3	Ferruginous Hawk
Golden Eagle		1						Golden Eagle
American Kestrel	5	1	2	4	3	1	6	American Kestrel
Merlin			1					Merlin
Prairie Falcon				1				Prairie Falcon
Ring-necked Pheasant		1			2			Ring-necked Pheasant
Virginia Rail		3					1	2h Virginia Rail
Sora							1+2h	1h Sora
American Coot	50		265		4	118	30	15 American Coot
Black-bellied Plover					4			Black-bellied Plover
Killdeer	5	10	24		20	12	240	17 Killdeer
Greater Yellowlegs						1	8	Greater Yellowlegs
Lesser Yellowlegs						2	23	Lesser Yellowlegs
Solitary Sandpiper							1	Solitary Sandpiper
Spotted Sandpiper		2				2	1	Spotted Sandpiper
Sanderling								1 Sanderling
Semipalmated Sandpiper					1			Semipalmated Sandpiper
Western Sandpiper							5	2 Western Sandpiper
Least Sandpiper		2			2		20	3 Least Sandpiper
Baird's Sandpiper					30		10	Baird's Sandpiper
Pectoral Sandpiper		1			2		8	6 Pectoral Sandpiper
Stilt Sandpiper					40		1	Stilt Sandpiper
Long-billed Dowitcher							23	Long-billed Dowitcher
Common Snipe			1				9	4 Common Snipe

Table 2

	11	11	11	12	12	12	12	15
	WTN	CSR	LBC	CCP	BAR	RMA	BLP	CCR
Franklin's Gull			5		1		3	3
Ring-billed Gull	4	16	347				115	65
California Gull	1	10	3		30		3	60
Sabine's Gull					1			
<i>Larus sp.</i>					30			
Black Tern							1	3
Rock Dove	48	9	17	14	8	7	150	7
Mourning Dove	65	16	30	6	20	19	78	12
Great Horned Owl	1	3	1	2h	1	1		
Burrowing Owl						7	12	
Common Nighthawk						1		1
Broad-tailed Hummingbird	1		2i	2				2
Belted Kingfisher	5	5	8		1	2	2	2
Red-headed Woodpecker						1i		
Red-naped Sapsucker			1					
Downy Woodpecker					2	1	1	3
"Batchelder's" race			5					
eastern races	1	4		3		1		
Hairy Woodpecker	3							
"Rocky Mountain" race				1				
Three-toed Woodpecker								
Northern Flicker					3			
"Red-shafted" race	20	13	66	10		4	26	8
Western Wood-Pewee	20	14	9	1	2	3		3
<i>Empidonax sp.</i>		2					1	
Say's Phoebe	1	2					1	
Cassin's Kingbird		1						
Western Kingbird	3	5	4		2	8	1	
Eastern Kingbird		1	1				1	
Horned Lark					3		35	
Tree Swallow							2	
Violet-Green Swallow							1	
Northern Rough-wg. Swallow							1	
Bank Swallow							2	
Cliff Swallow	1						1	
Barn Swallow	16	19	46	1	50	12	315	16
Steller's Jay	1			9				
Blue Jay		1	27				6	3
Scrub Jay	9			10				
Black-billed Magpie	9	18	41	18	20	28	70	25
American Crow	14	43	7				1	
Common Raven			2	2				
Black-capped Chickadee	32	80	35	15	20	11	4	12
Mountain Chickadee				10				
Red-breasted Nuthatch		1	4	1				
White-breasted Nuthatch		1		7				
Pygmy Nuthatch				13				
Brown Creeper				1				
Rock Wren		1	2	3				
Canyon Wren				1h				
House Wren	6	9	1	2	3	2	1	1
Marsh Wren							5	
Ruby-crowned Kinglet		1			3		1	
Blue-Gray Gnatcatcher	1	1		3		1	1	
Western Bluebird				25				
Mountain Bluebird				56				
Townsend's Solitaire		1		6				
American Robin	55	80	33	45	2	19	9	8

Table 2

	11	11	11	12	12	12	12	15
	WTN	CSR	LBC	CCP	BAR	RMA	BLP	CCR
Gray Catbird		7		1		4		
Sage Thrasher								
Cedar Waxwing	16	19		2			6	
Loggerhead Shrike	2	1				1		
European Starling		25	236	5	500	40	4500	12
Solitary Vireo				4				
"Plumbeous" race		1						
Warbling Vireo		4						
Orange-crowned Warbler		8			5			4
Virginia's Warbler	1							
Yellow Warbler	1	1	2			1		1
Yellow-rumped Warbler				6	3			
"Audubon's" race		1						
American Redstart	1	1						
Common Yellowthroat		5			5		4	5
Wilson's Warbler	8	21	4	1	3	1	4	4
Yellow-breasted Chat								1
Western Tanager		6	1					
Black-headed Grosbeak				1				
Blue Grosbeak						1		
Lazuli Bunting		1					1m	
Green-tailed Towhee	2	1	3	9		1		1
Rufous-sided Towhee	14	3	1	12				
Cassin's Sparrow						1		
Chipping Sparrow	27	6	13	4	20	14	15	
Clay-colored Sparrow		2	2	1		1		
Brewer's Sparrow		2		1				
Vesper Sparrow	9	4	3	48		21	8	
Lark Sparrow	2	2		2			1	
Lark Bunting		3				2	1	
Savannah Sparrow		6					6	1
Song Sparrow	4	8	6	3	5	3	5	10
Lincoln's Sparrow		1	1		1		1	2
White-crowned Sparrow		2			2			3
"Gambel's" race	1		5				2	
Red-winged Blackbird	2	3	53		100	42	675	18
Western Meadowlark	15	6	1	4	5	46	75	1
Yellow-headed Blackbird							45	
Brewer's Blackbird		5	39				15	15
Common Grackle			95	2	20		525	2
Brown-headed Cowbird							1	
House Finch	7	2	424	20		41	15	20
Pine Siskin				20			3	
Lesser Goldfinch	13			34				
"Green-backed" race		2	1					
"Black-backed" race			1					
American Goldfinch	6	20	12	20	3	2	2	7
Evening Grosbeak			1			20		
House Sparrow		2	33		1		285	
TOTAL SPECIES	60	80	67	57	58	53	94	60
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	729	708	2555	595	2205	651	8634	692

ADDITIONAL SEPTEMBER 1993 REPORTS

Instructions for submitting "Additional reports"

1. Individual "Additional Reports" of interesting sightings made during the month are welcomed. However, the Editor reserves the right to publish only those reports that are deemed unusual or rare, or augmenting the reports submitted by the leaders of scheduled DFO field trips. For a guide to the species that are of most interest, see Pages 122 through 125 of the *Lark Bunting*, Volume 28, Number 12 (September 1993).
2. The reports should be submitted in Sixth AOU Checklist order, and include the date(s) of observation, number of birds seen, sex, and plumage, if possible. Also, specific, detailed location (including county) information should be provided. A guide to preparing written documentation to support observation of extremely rare or accidental species as well as for those species that pose difficult field identification problems may be found in the *Lark Bunting*, Volume 27, Number 10 (July 1992).
3. Deadline for receipt of all additional reports is the fifth of the following month. They should be sent to the Editor.

Great Egret 9/6 (1) Little Jumbo, Logan County KS

9/6 (2a) Lake Henry, Crowley County GE, HF

9/9 (1) Lake Henry, Crowley County KS

9/11 (1) Holbrook Reservoir, Otero County KS

Green-backed Heron 9/23 (1) Rocky Mountain Arsenal, Adams County MH

Snow Goose 9/10 (1, white phase) Thurston Reservoir, Prowers County KS

9/26 (1, blue phase) Barr Lake, Adams County KS

American Black Duck 9/12 through 9/18 (1m) Olive Marsh, Pueblo County BP, LL, LT (F)

Barrow's Goldeneye 9/25 (1m, 1f) Trapper's Lake, Garfield County BR

Mississippi Kite 9/3 (4a, 2i) Arkansas River east of CO 45, Pueblo County GE, HF

Merlin 9/6 (1) Crow Valley Campground, Weld County KS

9/10 (1) Picture Canyon, Baca County KS

9/10 (1) Roads 30 and VV, Baca County KS

9/20 (1) Blue Lake, Bent County KS

Peregrine Falcon 9/22 (1) Blue Lake, Kiowa County JT, SC

9/25 (1) South of Titan Road on Douglas County Road 3, Douglas County BL

Wild Turkey 9/9 (5m, 11f) Cottonwood Canyon, Baca County KS

9/24 (11) Bonny Reservoir, Yuma County KS

Gambel's Quail 9/29 (1) Devil's Kitchen picnic area, Colorado National Monument, Mesa County JS, KS

Black-bellied Plover 9/7 (1i) Jumbo Reservoir, Logan County KS

9/11 (5) Blue Lake, Bent County KS

9/14 and 15 (1i) Chatfield Reservoir, Douglas County KS

9/20 (35) Adobe Creek Reservoir, Bent County BP, SW

Lesser Golden-Plover 9/17 (1, basic plumage) Jackson Reservoir, Morgan County JR

9/19 (3) Blue Lake, Bent County KS (F)

9/20 (2) Adobe Creek Reservoir, Bent County BP, SW (F)

9/24 (1) Prewitt Reservoir, Washington County DB

9/25 (1) Lake Henry, Crowley County BP, MJ, TB (F)

Snowy Plover 9/10 (3) Nee Noshe Reservoir, Kiowa County KS

9/11 (1) Cheraw Reservoir, Otero County KS

Piping Plover 9/6 (3) Adobe Creek Reservoir, Bent County BP, MJ (F)

Upland Sandpiper 9/6 (1) Adobe Creek Reservoir, Bent County BP, MJ

Ruddy Turnstone 9/19 (1i) Blue Lake, Bent County KS (F)

9/20 (1) Adobe Creek Reservoir, Bent County BP, SW (F)

Red Knot 9/19 (2w) Blue Lake, Bent County KS (F)

Pectoral Sandpiper 9/10 (8) Jackson Reservoir, Morgan County DB

Dunlin 9/19 (6wc) Blue Lake, Bent County KS

Buff-breasted Sandpiper 9/10 (1i) Nee Noshe Reservoir, Kiowa County KS (F)

9/20 (3) Adobe Creek Reservoir, Bent County BP, SW (F)

Short-billed Dowitcher 9/6 (2j) Adobe Creek Reservoir, Bent County BP, MJ

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Red Phalarope 9/19 (1w) Blue Lake, Bent County DJ, KS (F)
Lesser Black-backed Gull 9/28 (1a, basic plumage) Cherry Creek Reservoir State Park, Arapahoe County JR
Sabine's Gull 9/17 (1a) Jackson Reservoir, Morgan County JR
9/18 (1a, 2i) Prewitt Reservoir, Washington County DB
9/26 (3) Pueblo Reservoir, Pueblo County BP, DS
9/28 (1i) Cherry Creek Reservoir State Park, Arapahoe County JR
Common Tern 9/20 (1, second summer plumage) Blue Lake, Bent County KS
9/28 (8) Cherry Creek Reservoir State Park, Arapahoe County JR
Least Tern 9/11 (1, first summer plumage) Blue Lake, Bent County KS
Mourning Dove 9/11 (1a, nesting with 3 young) Julesburg, South Platte River, Sedgwick County DB
Greater Roadrunner 9/10 (1) Picture Canyon, Baca County KS
Barn Owl 9/3 (1a) Lake Henry, Crowley County GE, HF
Eastern Screech-Owl 9/17 (1h) Meier Springs Park, Morgan County JR
9/21 (1, *maxwelliae*) Prospect Park, Jefferson County KS
9/24 (1) Bonny Reservoir, Yuma County KS
Common Poorwill 9/29 (3) BS Road, west of Glade Park Store, Mesa County JS, KS
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker 9/19 (1mi) Bonny Reservoir SWA, Yuma County DB (F)
9/23 (1ma) Hanna Ranch, El Paso County JT, SC
Ladder-backed Woodpecker 9/12 (1) Olive Marsh, Pueblo County BP, LL, LT
Least Flycatcher 9/6 (1) Lake Henry, Crowley County BP, MJ
Gray Flycatcher 9/10 (1) Picture Canyon, Baca County KS
9/11 (1c) Hasty Recreation Area, Bent County KS
9/14 (1) Cherry Creek Reservoir, Arapahoe County JT, KS
9/23 (1) Barr Lake State Park, Adams County KS
9/26 (1) Barr Lake State Park, Adams County KS
Cordilleran Flycatcher 9/11 (1) South Platte River downstream from Ovid, Sedgwick County DB
9/25 (1) Bonny Reservoir SWA, Yuma County DB
Ash-throated Flycatcher 9/3 (1) Barr Lake State Park, Adams County BL
Townsend's Solitaire 9/29 (1) Last Chance, Washington County JT
Blue-winged Warbler 9/30 (1f) Crow Valley Campground, Weld County JT, SC
Nashville Warbler 9/7 (1) Jumbo Reservoir, Logan County KS
9/25 (1) Bonny Reservoir, Yuma County KS
9/29 (1) Last Chance, Washington County JT
Northern Parula 9/17 (1m) Along upper S. Platte River near Chatfield Reservoir, Jefferson County KS
Magnolia Warbler 9/8 (1) Cherry Creek State Park, Arapahoe County JM, JT
9/19 (1) Bonny Reservoir SWA, Yuma County DB
9/27 (1m, fall plumage) Prospect Park, Jefferson County KS
Black-throated Blue Warbler 9/17 (1ma) Rocky Mountain Arsenal, Adams County MH
9/23 (1m) Barr Lake, Adams County KS (F)
Townsend's Warbler 9/24 (2f) Last Chance Rest Area, Washington County KS
Black-throated Green Warbler 9/26 (1) Valco Ponds, Pueblo County BP, DS (F)
Pine Warbler 9/26 (1) Valco Ponds, Pueblo County BP (F)
Palm Warbler 9/25 (1) Adobe Creek Reservoir, Bent County BP, MJ, TB (F)
Ovenbird 9/6 (1) Lake Henry, Crowley County BP, MJ
9/17 (1) Crow Valley Campground, Weld County JR
Rufous-crowned Sparrow 9/10 (1a, 1i) Picture Canyon, Baca County KS

BL = Bob and LeaAnn Brown, BR = Bob Righter, DB = Dan Bridges, DS = David Silverman, GE = Gail Evans, HF = Howard Frisch, JM = Jean Maguire, JR = Jack Reddall, JT = Joe TenBrink, LL = Lindsay Lilly, LT = Laura Townsend, MH = Mindy Hetrick, MJ = Mark Janos, SC = Sherry Chapman, SW = Sylvia Wheelock, TB = Toni Brevillier, mo = many others

Abbreviations used: a = adult, b = breeding plumage, c = calling, d = dead when observed, f = female, F = form submitted, h = heard only, i = immature, j = juvenile, m = male, w = winter plumage

The following guidelines should be followed when participating in a DFO field trip:

Call the Colorado Bird Report at 279-3076 before going on a field trip to determine if there have been any cancellations or changes in schedules.

Carpool if possible so the leader will have few cars to keep track of and get parked at stops. Carpooling also saves gasoline and reduces air pollution. Stay reasonably close to the group whether in cars or on foot.

DO NOT LEAVE THE GROUP WITHOUT NOTIFYING THE LEADER.

Everyone is expected to share in the mileage expenses on scheduled DFO field trips. The suggested share is 10 cents per mile divided by the number of people in the car including the driver.

NOVEMBER DFO FIELD TRIPS

November 6, Saturday. Northeastern Colorado. Leader: Kathy Hawkins (757-0809). Meet at 0630 at east end of north parking lot of Denver Museum of Natural History at City Park. £

November 7, Sunday. Plum Creek area. Leader: Ben Moore (989-0269). Meet at 0800 south of Albertson's on northwest corner of South Broadway and County Line Road. £

November 13, Saturday. Chatfield SRA. Leaders: Glenn and Jeane Hageman (322-6589). Meet at 0830 at west gate of park on South Wadsworth. + ! \$

November 14, Sunday. Boulder area. Leaders: Myron and Suzi Plooster (494-6703). Carpool at 0745 south of west 38th Avenue on Vance Street east of church parking lot. Meet leaders at 0830 in north parking lot of US Department of Commerce, Boulder Laboratories (Go north on US 36 to the Baseline Road exit. Turn west, turn left at next light, cross street onto laboratory grounds). £

November 20, Saturday. Cherry Creek SRA. Leaders: Elizabeth and Floyd Pendell (695-9690). Meet at 0800 at west gate of the SRA east of Cherry Creek High School - east from South Yosemite at Union, south and east to gate. + ! \$

November 21, Sunday. Wheat Ridge Greenbelt. Leader: Ruth Breckon (455-0970). Meet at 0830 at Prospect Park Lake south of West 44th Avenue near Robb Street. + !

November 27, Saturday. South Platte River, Adams County. Leader: Jackie King (287-1644). Meet at 0800 at east end of north parking lot of Denver Museum of Natural History at City Park. £

November 28, Sunday. Longmont, Loveland, and Greeley area. Leaders: Bill and Inez Prather (776-2191). Carpool at 0715 at east end of north parking lot of Denver Museum of Natural History at City Park. Meet leaders at 0800 at Jim Hamm Nature Center (from I-25, take CO 119 west 4 miles to Boulder/Weld County Line Road, then go 2 miles north to nature center). £

December 3, 4, and 5, Saturday. Longspur trip to see Smith's, Lapland, McCown's, and Chestnut-collared Longspurs. Leaders: Scott Seltman of DFO and the Kansas Ornithological Society (1-913-372-5411) and Linda Vidal (1-925-7134). Friday, we'll drive to either Topeka or Wichita, depending on weather. Saturday, we'll look for Smith's Longspurs, then work our way west looking for other Longspur species. Meet at 0800 on Friday at east end of north parking lot of Denver Museum of Natural History at City Park. If going, call Linda Vidal to arrange carpooling.

£ = Bring Lunch, + = Half-Day Trip
\$ = Parks Pass required, ! = Lunch Optional

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THE LARK BUNTING
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REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING ON THE FIRST WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER THROUGH MAY, EXCEPT FOR DECEMBER, AT 7:30 PM, DENVER MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY, RICKETSON AUDITORIUM

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, January 5, 1994

PROGRAM: Birds of the Lower Forty-Eight
by Dick Williams

***** COLORADO BIRD REPORT -- 279-3076 *****

REMEMBER TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP IN THE
DENVER FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS THIS MONTH!!

October 1993 Field Trip Summary

October 2, Saturday (WGB)

Wheat Ridge Greenbelt. Leader: Bob Fleming.
Observers: Gail Evans, Juv Fleming, Howard
Frisch, Steve Litz, Dick Pratt, Traci Shimel.
(Clear; Calm; 5 to 15°C). 0 km by car, 2 km on
foot. 0730-1300. (42 species; 767 individuals)

October 3, Sunday (BDR)

Boulder area, including Baseline Reservoir,
Sombbrero and Walden Ponds, and Union
Reservoir. Leader: Bob Jickling. Observers:
Diane Carter, Patty Echelmeyer, Pearl Jordan,
Suzi Plooster, John Sterns (Indiana), Susan Ward.
(Clear; Wind S 0 to 2 kph; 6 to 25°C)
92 km by car, 0.5 km on foot. 0830-1500.
(60 species; 2,921 individuals)

October 9, Saturday (BCK)

Bear Creek from plains to foothills. Leader:
Cal Wichern. Observers: Gail Evans,
Hugh Rauatt.. (Cloudy; Wind 6.4 to 11.2 kph;
2 to 5°C) 64 km by car, 3.2 km on foot.
0800-1200. (31 species; 230 individuals)

October 10, Sunday (BAR)

Barr Lake State Park. Leaders: Lee and Marilyn
Rowe. Observers: Dieter Kamm, Steve Litz, Peter
Lowen, Jim Norton, Van Remsen (Louisiana),
Karleen Schofield, Steve Segal. (Partly cloudy;
Wind W to NW 0 to 32 kph; 2 to 15°C)
0 km by car, 8 km on foot. 0800-1330.
(64 species; 7,138 individuals)

October 16, Saturday (CSP)

Chatfield State Recreation Area. Leader:
Randy Lentz. Observers: Bob Bierling,
Glenn Hageman, Frank Johnson, Pete
Mulholland, Warren Roske, Steve and Anne Segal,
Steve Stachowiak, Mort Staatz. (Sunny and partly
cloudy; Wind SW 0 to 12 kph; 7 to 20°C)
0 km by car, 8 km on foot. 0730-1430.
(49 species; 653 individuals)

October 17, Sunday (LWG)

Lakes from Wheat Ridge to Golden.
Leaders: Don and Diana Mullineaux.
Observers: Dale Bucknam, Pat Wales-Bucknam,
Dick Williams. (Light rain; Wind E 1 to 2 kph;
8 to 10°C) 32 km by car, 1.6 km on foot.
0800-1230. (39 species; 1,280 individuals)

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The Denver Field Ornithologists was organized as the Colorado Bird Club in 1935, and membership is open to anyone interested in the birds of the Denver area in particular, and the birds of Colorado in general. The organization presents monthly evening programs (except in the summer) and conducts about 100 field trips annually.

Regular individual or family membership is \$15.00 per year. Senior citizen (age 65 or older) is \$12.00 per year. Student (age 18 or younger) membership is \$5.00 per year. Applications for membership should be sent to the Treasurer (see address below). A membership application form is usually attached to the back of the *Lark Bunting*.

Notification of changes in name or address should be sent to the Treasurer. The *Lark Bunting* is sent by third class mail, and will not be forwarded.

Members who fail to receive the *Lark Bunting* by the 25th of the month should contact the Treasurer (Glenn Hageman, 322-6589), as he usually has extra copies. Those who fail to receive the *Lark Bunting* for two or more consecutive months should contact the Treasurer in writing.

Notices or announcements of classes, lectures, special field trips, etc. relating to birds that are intended for inclusion in the *Lark Bunting* should be received in the mail by the Editor no later than the 5th of the month of issue. The Editor reserves the right to accept or refuse and to edit the announcement(s).

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October 23 and 24, Saturday & Sunday (MVS)

Buena Vista, Monte Vista NWR, Home Lake,
Smith Reservoir SWA, Lathrop State Park.
Leader: Alan Hay. Observers: George Armbrust,
Bob and Jennifer Bierling, Bev and John DuGay,
Marlene Eggerling, Glenn and Jeane Hageman,
Dee Hay, Joe and Norma Kamby, Jackie King,
Steve Litz, Paul and Susan Scherner,
Dick Williams. (Clear; Calm; 13 to 22°C)
924 km by car, 3.2 km on foot. 19 hours
birding. (76 species; 5,333 individuals)

October 23, Sunday (LWG)

Cherry Creek Reservoir. Leader: Karleen Schofield.
Observers: Peter Lowen, Betty Oliver,
Harold Oliver, Rick Quimby (Massachusetts),
Jerry Robinson, Joe TenBrink, Chuck Walters.
(Clear and sunny; Wind NE 0 to 8 kph; 5 to 25°C)
32 km by car, 4.8 km on foot. 0800-1500.
(41 species; 773 individuals)

October 30, Saturday (RMA)

Rocky Mountain Arsenal. Leader: Ed Holub.
Observers: Mike and Rose Barber, Krystin Barber,
Gail Evans, Howard Frisch, Dave Laliberte, Steve
Litz, Steve Segal. (Clear & sunny; Calm; -12 to
4°C) 69 km by car, 2.4 km on foot. 0730-1500.
(50 species; 1890 individuals)

October 31, Sunday (CHA)

Chatfield Arboretum. Leaders: Marsha Staughton
and Steve Frye. 6 observers included Myron and
Suzi Plooster and E. White (sorry, sketchy info).
(Clear; Wind variable 0 to 8 kph; 2 to 8°C)
0 km by car, 3.2 km on foot. 0810-1050.
(18 species; 145 individuals)

Tuesday Birders Field Trips (Compiled by Monna Krebs)

October 5. Golden Gate Canyon State Park
(GGC). Leader: Ann Bonnell. 32 observers.
(Sunny; Wind NW 0 to 8 kph; 16 to 28°C)
0900-1230. 21 species; 108 individuals.

October 12. Jeffco Open Space Upper White
Ranch Park (WRP). Leader: Ann Bonnell.
36 observers. (Partly sunny; Wind W 8 to
48 kph; 3 to 14°C) 0900-1200. 22 species;
191 individuals.

Tuesday Birders Continued

October 19. Chatfield Arboretum (CFA).
Leader: Else Van Erp. 26 observers. (Sunny;
Wind variable 8 to 16 kph; 10 to 14°C)
0900-1200. 29 species; 299 individuals.

October 26. Bear Creek Lake Park (BCL).
Leader: Ann Bonnell. 47 observers. (Cloudy,
some precipitation; Wind N to NE 12.8 to 24 kph;
4 to 6°C) 0900-1130. 31 species; 301 individuals.

OCTOBER HIGHLIGHTS

A total of 125 species was reported from the 10 scheduled field trips in September. Of the species seen by the Tuesday Birders, 5 were seen on no DFO trip, making a total of 130 species shown on Table 1 (Pages 23-26). In addition, 25 species were reported as additional sightings, and not reported on any DFO trip. Thus, 155 species were reported to the DFO for the month of October.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DFO member Tina Jones is teaching a class through the Denver Botanic Gardens entitled "Attracting Backyard Birds in Winter." It meets two Wednesdays, December 1st and 8th, from 1830 to 2030 (6:30 to 8:30 PM), and costs \$18.00. Learn about specific foods to attract a variety of bird species, and learn how to identify some of our winter birds. To register, call 370-8019.

On May 8, 1993, Colorado participated in the North American Migration Count. Two counties were counted for a total of 200 species. Pueblo County had 180 and El Paso County had 159 species of birds. Brandon Percival, DFO member from the Pueblo area, asks for volunteers for county coordinators for the 1994 count. The 1994 count will be held on May 14. The object is to have a CBC-type birding day, with the boundaries being the county line. Brandon is the Colorado Coordinator for the NAMC for 1994, and would appreciate help with the other counties in Colorado. The project does not carry any fees. Please call Brandon at 719 547-3722 and volunteer to help.

The program scheduled for the monthly meeting on May 4, 1994, will be the Members' Slide Show. This has been a popular event, and notice is being given far in advance to encourage you to take your camera along and use it on your field trips.

Big Year Birders Take Note: *The Lark Bunting* would like to informally recognize any DFO members who have seen 300 or more species of birds in the year 1993. Therefore, if you accomplish this difficult and commendable feat, please do not fail to contact Gail Evans at 771-5118 before January 14, 1994, so that you are included in the article planned for early next year.

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1993 CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNTS

Our Vice President, David Pantle, has kindly compiled a list of Christmas Bird Counts scheduled throughout Colorado this year. This list appears on the following two pages. In addition, here is further information on a few of the counts in the Denver area.

Patty Echelmeyer is coordinator for the feeder count effort in the Denver Christmas Bird Count. If you would like to participate in this important aspect of the count, please call Patty at 233-4947.

The Douglas County Christmas Bird Count will take place this year on Sunday, January 2, 1993. This will be the twelfth year Douglas County has participated in the CBC program. The area to be counted includes Roxborough State Park, Sedalia, Castle Rock, Perry Pines Park, Louviers, and other areas in between. The count will start by 0730 and finish by 1530, with a chili supper and count compilation gathering afterwards at Roxborough State Park Visitor Center. All counts are open and welcome to all participants, regardless of birding skill level. If you would like to help with the Douglas County Christmas Bird Count, please sign up by contacting Roxborough State Park (973-3959) by Sunday, December 26, or call Ann Bonnell (979-6211) for more information.

COLORADO CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNTS 1993-94

Here are dates and persons to contact for the 94th Christmas Bird Counts, to be held Friday, December 17, 1993, through Monday, January 3, 1994. The year in parentheses was the first count in the present geographic radius.

December 18. Saturday

Denver (DFO) (1963)	Dick Schottler	278-8035
Colorado Springs (1972)	Ben and Sally Sorensen	719-635-4791
Cortez (1990)(tentative date)	Fred Blackburn	1-565-4747 or
	Andrea Robinson	1-565-8398
Durango (1975)	Kip Stransky	1-247-8138
Fort Collins (1948)	Kevin Cook	1-223-8392
Gunnison (1979)	Ron Meyer	1-641-1477
Longmont (1981)	Virginia Dionigi	1-776-2609
Monte Vista NWR (1985)	Ron Garcia	719-852-4594 or
		719-589-0721
Pueblo Reservoir (1976)	Mark Yaeger	719-543-2724(h) or
		719-545-8407(w)

December 19. Sunday

Boulder (1981)	Bill Kaempfer	939-8005(h) or
		492-4486(w)
Evergreen-Idaho Springs	Barbara J. Gard	674-3280
Grand Junction (1986)	Coen Dexter	1-464-7971
Montrose	Andy and Kathy Kretzinger	1-249-0821
Penrose (1985)	Rosie Waits	719-372-6679
Rocky Mountain National Park (1953)	Clait Braun	1-484-2836(w) or
		1-493-2841(h)
Sand Dunes National Monument (1992)	Stuart Schneider	719-378-2312

December 20. Monday

Curecanti NRA (1979)	Phil Zichterman, Gunnison	1-641-2337
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December 22. Wednesday

Nunn-Pawnee National Grasslands (1972)	Clait Braun	1-484-2836(w) or
		1-493-2841(h)

December 26. Sunday

Douglas County-	Roxborough State Park	973-3959 or
Roxborough (1984)	Ann Bonnell	979-6211
	(call before Dec. 26 for assignment)	
Hotchkiss (1989)	Dick Guadagno	1-527-4563
Rawhide Energy Station (1987)	Ron Ryder, Fort Collins	1-491-6547
Westcliffe (1988)	Dave Johnson, Pueblo	719-545-5548

December 30. Thursday

North Park (1976)	Clait Braun	1-484-2836(w) or
		1-493-2841(h)

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January 1, 1994, Saturday

Denver Urban (1988)	David Pantle	333-8352 or 1-726-5243
	or Hugh Kingery	333-0161
Barr Lake (1982)	Mike Carter	659-4348(w) or 452-1042(f)
Greeley (1981)	Kay Cheney	1-735-2556
Pueblo (1972)	Mike Ketchen	719-545-2020

January 2, Sunday

Lake Isabel (1979)	Dave Silverman, Rye	719-489-3565
Pike's Peak (1982)	Doug Allen	719-687-3549

At press time, the dates for four other counts were not yet set. For information:

Holly (1988)	Mark Janos, Pueblo	719-544-5002 or
	Brandon Percival	719-547-3722
Roaring Fork River Valley(1979)	Dave Clark, Carbondale	1-963-3479
Summit County	Alex Chappell, Silverthorne	1-468-5848
Weldona-Fort Morgan (1982)	Dave Hutchinson, Loveland	1-667-8413(h) or
		1-936-3466(w)

No count is planned for Aspen. Contact Roaring Fork River Valley.

Compiled by David Pantle, Nov. 1, 1993

Leaders for Denver Urban Christmas Bird Count -- Saturday January 1, 1994

1. South Platte River South	Harold and Betty Oliver (936-6902)
2. South Platte River North	Duane Nelson (277-9748)
3. Rocky Mountain Arsenal	Ed Holub (979-2194)
4. Commerce City-Montbello	Jackie King (287-1644)
5. Aurora Riparian	Virginia Bleck (320-6130)
6. Buckley Field	Ron Beane (722-5804)
7. Cherry Creek Reservoir	Jack Reddall (771-5308)
8A Kent School-South of Hampden	Lynn Willcockson (757-7000)
8B Southeast Denver-N of Hampden	Walt Hackney (750-2823)
9. Washington Park-Denver. Co. Club	Doug Ward (937-7574)
10. Cherry Creek	Julene Pimentel (777-7297)
11. Fairmont Cemetery	Ann Bonnell (979-6211)
12. Denver Zoo	Mary Patterson (759-0470)
13. City Park-Park Hill	David Pantle (333-8352)
14. Denver Botanic Gardens	Tom Faxon (377-0235)
15. Feeders	Jeane Hageman (322-6589)

Compilation at 1700 (5:00 PM) and pot-luck supper hosted by Sherrill and David Pantle in Park Hill, 1782 Locust Street, Denver, 333-8352. All DFO and DAS members invited.

Denver Christmas Bird Count -- Saturday, December 18, 1993

COUNT LEADER AND COMPILER: Dick Schottler (278-8035)

FEEDER COORDINATOR: Patty Echelmeyer (233-4947)

COMPILATION MEETING: 1700 (5:00 PM) at Chatfield YMCA, 6724 South Webster (just south of Coal Mine Road). No food service. Bring some if you wish.

All DFO members, regardless of birding skill level, are encouraged to take part in the Annual Denver Christmas Bird Count. Call one of the Area Leaders listed below if you would like to assist in a particular area, or call Dick Schottler (278-8035) if you would like to help count in any area that needs additional observers. There are two areas that still have no leaders and will not be covered unless volunteers are found to help out. If you are interested in leading one of these areas, please call Dick Schottler as soon as possible. Area leaders should call Dick Schottler before the count to indicate how many participants they have to assist in their areas. All area leaders are urged to conduct pre-counts.

In order to participate in the Christmas Bird Count you must pay a \$5.00 fee. This fee is used to help defray the cost of publishing the results of all official Christmas Bird Counts in *American Birds*. PARTICIPANTS MUST PAY THE \$5.00 FEE TO THEIR AREA LEADER IN ADVANCE OR THEY WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO TAKE PART IN THE COUNT. Checks must be made payable to *American Birds*, not the Denver Field Ornithologists. Since days and times will vary for pre-counts, please contact an area leader if you wish to help on a pre-count in a particular area. No fee is charged for participation in a pre-count.

Listed below are the area numbers and locations along with the names and telephone numbers of the area leaders. Contact area leaders for information as to meeting times and places on Count Day, December 18, 1993.

<u>AREA NUMBER AND LOCATION</u>	<u>AREA LEADER AND TELEPHONE NUMBER</u>
1. Red Rocks Park	Bill Brockner 674-4851
2. Lower Bear Creek	Bob Spencer 279-4682 and Mary Jane Schock 922-3143
2A. Bear Creek Lake Park	Kathy Hawkins 757-0809
3. Bow Mar/Marston	Mort Staatz 279-6169
4A. Lower South Platte	Ed Holub 979-2194
4B. Lower South Platte	Dick Schottler 278-8035
5. Highline Ditch	Harold Oliver 936-6902
6. Plum Creek	Norm Erthal 424-6747
7A. Middle South Platte	Joey Kellner 978-1748
7B. Middle South Platte	Hugh Kingery 333-0161
8. Chatfield State Park	Randy Lentz 777-7101
9. Upper South Platte	Patty Echelmeyer 233-4947
10. Lower Deer Creek	Lynn Willcockson 757-7000
11. Upper Deer Creek	Doug Ward 937-7574
12. Yegge Peak	Ann Bonnell 979-6211
13. Doublehead Mountain	
14. North Turkey Creek	Warren Finch 233-3372
15. Indian Hills	Duane Nelson 277-9748
16. Upper Bear Creek	Chris Wood 973-2161
17. Ken Caryl Ranch	Eric Potter 978-1728
18. Garrison Gate	
19. Morrison/Willow Brook	Jackie King 287-1644
20. Willow Creek	Kurt Hebner 894-3265 or 273-9230
21. Mount Lindo/Willow Springs	David Pantle 333-8352

Table 1, October Field Trips

	2	3	9	11	16	17	23	23	30	31		5	12	19	26	
	WGB	BDR	BCK	BAR	CSR	LWG	MVS	OCR	RMA	CHA		GGC	WRP	CHT	BCL	
Common Loon								2								Common Loon
Pied-billed Grebe	4	13	4	7	1	11	13	14	5						1	Pied-billed Grebe
Horned Grebe		6				4	2	7							20	Horned Grebe
Eared Grebe			1	8	1	4	1	55							10	Eared Grebe
Western Grebe		1500	2	56	52	3	10	40	2							Western Grebe
American White Pelican		36	1	2				6							1	American White Pelican
Double-crested Cormorant	8	68	1	27	1	1		7								Double-crested Cormorant
Great Blue Heron	1	8	2	5			1	9	2					1		Great Blue Heron
Black-crowned Night-Heron		1														Black-crowned Night-Heron
Canada Goose	86	65	6	4000	55	150	160	19	450						25	Canada Goose
Wood Duck					3	2	1									Wood Duck
Green-winged Teal	4	15	6	18	25	5	10	80								Green-winged Teal
Mallard	60	35	17	1200	15	150	121	27	5			4		1	3	Mallard
Northern Pintail		9		24			9		10							Northern Pintail
Blue-winged Teal		16		21			2									Blue-winged Teal
Cinnamon Teal		2														Cinnamon Teal
Northern Shoveler	2	45		300		10	208	1	16							Northern Shoveler
Gadwall	40	34		60	45	78	82	13	65						2	Gadwall
American Wigeon	18	120		17	3	301	404	1	32							American Wigeon
Canvasback							9		1							Canvasback
Redhead	1	6		18		6	10		14							Redhead
Ring-necked Duck	40	65				304	12		35							Ring-necked Duck
Lesser Scaup						5	4		1							Lesser Scaup
Surf Scoter															5	Surf Scoter
Common Goldeneye							2								5	Common Goldeneye
Bufflehead		4		7		11	50		30						10	Bufflehead
Hooded Merganser		5				10										Hooded Merganser
Common Merganser			35		1				1						100	Common Merganser
Ruddy Duck		6		21			32	11							4	Ruddy Duck
Osprey							1									Osprey
Bald Eagle				1			1									Bald Eagle
Northern Harrier		1		3	2		12	2	2					3		Northern Harrier
Sharp-shinned Hawk						1								1		Sharp-shinned Hawk
Cooper's Hawk		1					1									Cooper's Hawk
Swainson's Hawk		1														Swainson's Hawk
Red-tailed Hawk				3			29	3		3		4		3	2	Red-tailed Hawk
western races		3	3		5				12							western races
Ferruginous Hawk							2		11					1	1	Ferruginous Hawk
Rough-legged Hawk							1		4							Rough-legged Hawk
Golden Eagle							2					1a1i	1		1	Golden Eagle

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	WGB	BDR	BCK	BAR	CSR	LWG	MVS	CCR	RMA	CHA		GGC	WRP	CHT	BCL	
American Kestrel		2		3	1		6		3				1	2		American Kestrel
Prairie Falcon				1												Prairie Falcon
Ring-necked Pheasant				20					3							Ring-necked Pheasant
Northern Bobwhite									5							Northern Bobwhite
Virginia Rail																Virginia Rail
Sora		1														Sora
American Coot	2	275		120	137	8	406	120	260						6	American Coot
Sandhill Crane				6			3000									Sandhill Crane
"Lesser" race				1												"Lesser" race
Whooping Crane							1									Whooping Crane
Killdeer		27		35	2		3	14	4							Killdeer
American Avocet				1												American Avocet
Greater Yellowlegs		1														Greater Yellowlegs
Solitary Sandpiper		1														Solitary Sandpiper
Sanderling				1												Sanderling
Long-billed Dowitcher								2								Long-billed Dowitcher
Common Snipe		7						1								Common Snipe
Franklin's Gull		150						55								Franklin's Gull
Bonaparte's Gull							1									Bonaparte's Gull
Ring-billed Gull	32	130	12	14	12	30	20	70	28					2	20	Ring-billed Gull
California Gull				5	2	4	1	40	2							California Gull
Herring Gull				3	2		1	1								Herring Gull
Larus sp.										1						Larus sp.
Forster's Tern								11								Forster's Tern
Rock Dove	12	14				10	38	7	8	37				34		Rock Dove
Mourning Dove	2	2	11	3			1							1	1	Mourning Dove
Great Horned Owl					1		2		1	2				2		Great Horned Owl
Belted Kingfisher	4	3		1	2	2	1	3							2	Belted Kingfisher
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker					11											Yellow-bellied Sapsucker
Downy Woodpecker	3		1	3		1	2	1	2					1	1m	Downy Woodpecker
eastern races		2			3											eastern races
Northern Flicker						11	11					1	5	9	4	Northern Flicker
"Yellow-shafted" race													1			"Yellow-shafted" race
"Red-shafted" race	12	5	7	9	12			12	10	3						"Red-shafted" race
Western Wood-Pewee				1												Western Wood-Pewee
Horned Lark				4			7		50							Horned Lark
Tree Swallow				1												Tree Swallow
Barn Swallow		7		500												Barn Swallow
Gray Jay												3				Gray Jay
Steller's Jay					2		5					7	6	1		Steller's Jay

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	WGB	BDR	BCK	BAR	CSR	LWG	MVS	OCR	RMA	CHA	GGC	WRP	CHT	BCL	
Blue Jay	5	5			3	3					2				Blue Jay
Scrub Jay			3				6				7	3	21	5	Scrub Jay
Black-billed Magpie	25	9	18	30	25	15	68	16	30	7					Black-billed Magpie
American Crow	6	11	5		8		28			5	5	15	13		American Crow
Common Raven		2			2		25			1	6	4	4		Common Raven
Black-capped Chickadee	8	4	15	25	41	4	1	7	20	12			12	6	Black-capped Chickadee
Mountain Chickadee							13				2	16			Mountain Chickadee
Plain Titmouse							4								Plain Titmouse
Bushtit							30								Bushtit
Red-breasted Nuthatch				1			2				6				Red-breasted Nuthatch
White-breasted Nuthatch	3				2		3				2	2			White-breasted Nuthatch
Pygmy Nuthatch											15	25			Pygmy Nuthatch
Brown Creeper	1						1			1					Brown Creeper
Canyon Wren			1												Canyon Wren
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	2		1	2	4										Ruby-crowned Kinglet
Eastern Bluebird									4						Eastern Bluebird
Western Bluebird												6		3	Western Bluebird
Mountain Bluebird		2	7	6			20				3	9	30	2	Mountain Bluebird
Townsend's Solitaire	2		3		1		19					4			Townsend's Solitaire
Hermit Thrush			2						1						Hermit Thrush
American Robin	12	18	6		48	5	10	37	28	2	3	50	1		American Robin
American Pipit			5						1						American Pipit
Cedar Waxwing					2										Cedar Waxwing
Northern Shrike					1										Northern Shrike
Loggerhead Shrike							1								Loggerhead Shrike
European Starling	85	40	12	107	20	53	156	22	420	30	6		60		European Starling
Orange-crowned Warbler	5														Orange-crowned Warbler
Nashville Warbler	3														Nashville Warbler
Magnolia Warbler	1m														Magnolia Warbler
Black-throated Blue Warbler					1										Black-throated Blue Warbler
Yellow-rumped Warbler						12	9					2	1		Yellow-rumped Warbler
"Myrtle" race			7												"Myrtle" race
"Audubon's" race		23	8	12	7			9							"Audubon's" race
Palm Warbler		1						12							Palm Warbler
Common Yellowthroat				1											Common Yellowthroat
Wilson's Warbler	1					1									Wilson's Warbler
Rufous-sided Towhee	1		5	7	4										Rufous-sided Towhee
"Spotted" race		1													"Spotted" race
American Tree Sparrow							1		20	3				30	American Tree Sparrow
Chipping Sparrow	18			3			3					12			Chipping Sparrow

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	WGB	BDR	BCK	BAR	CSR	LWG	MVS	CCR	RMA	CHA		GGC	WRP	CHT	BCL	
Vesper Sparrow							1									Vesper Sparrow
Savannah Sparrow				2												Savannah Sparrow
Song Sparrow	3	4	4	12	21	2	4	9	5				1	2	4	Song Sparrow
Lincoln's Sparrow	1			1	1				1							Lincoln's Sparrow
Swamp Sparrow				3												Swamp Sparrow
White-throated Sparrow				1												White-throated Sparrow
White-crowned Sparrow	14			26		15	1	4	16	1		3		26	12	White-crowned Sparrow
eastern races			13													eastern races
"Gambel's" race	1	9			12								12	13	7	"Gambel's" race
Dark-eyed Junco				8	8	2	20			15						Dark-eyed Junco
"White-winged" race									3							"White-winged" race
"Slate-colored" race									15							"Slate-colored" race
"Oregon" race		5														"Oregon" race
"Pink-sided" race				8				4	82							"Pink-sided" race
"Gray-headed" race							24					4				"Gray-headed" race
Red-winged Blackbird	17	55		89	3	6	120	22	45	2				15		Red-winged Blackbird
Western Meadowlark		8	6	25	25		4		22			11	2	7		Western Meadowlark
Yellow-headed Blackbird							1									Yellow-headed Blackbird
Brewer's Blackbird				20			5									Brewer's Blackbird
Common Grackle	150	3		200		1			1							Common Grackle
Cassin's Finch													10			Cassin's Finch
House Finch	38	6	7	11	20	24	25	1	35	14		12	3	30	7	House Finch
Pine Siskin					5				1	3			1			Pine Siskin
Lesser Goldfinch															1	Lesser Goldfinch
American Goldfinch	26	7		1	3		4		1	3						American Goldfinch
House Sparrow	8	16				15	26		65					2		House Sparrow
	42	60	31	64	49	39	76	41	50	18		21	22	29	31	
	767	2921	230	7138	653	1280	5333	773	1890	145		108	191	299	301	

ADDITIONAL OCTOBER 1993 REPORTS

Instructions for submitting "Additional reports"

1. Individual "Additional Reports" of interesting sightings made during the month are welcomed. However, the Editor reserves the right to publish only those reports that are deemed unusual or rare, or augmenting the reports submitted by the leaders of scheduled DFO field trips. For a guide to the species that are of most interest, see Pages 122 through 125 of the *Lark Bunting*, Volume 28, Number 12 (September 1993).
2. The reports should be submitted in Sixth AOU Checklist order, and include the date(s) of observation, number of birds seen, sex, and plumage, if possible. Also, specific, detailed location (including county) information should be provided. A guide to preparing written documentation to support observation of extremely rare or accidental species as well as for those species that pose difficult field identification problems may be found in the *Lark Bunting*, Volume 27, Number 10 (July 1992).
3. Deadline for receipt of all additional reports is the fifth of the following month. They should be sent to the Editor.

Red-throated Loon 10/17 & 10/18 (1i) Pueblo Reservoir, Pueblo County BP, LL (F)

Pacific Loon 10/17 (1) Pueblo Reservoir, Pueblo County BP, LL

10/18 (1) Union Reservoir, Weld County GE, HF

10/24 (1w) Hamilton Reservoir, Larimer County DL, KS

Common Loon 10/17 (1) Vega Reservoir, Mesa County KP, CD

10/21 (1) Avery SWA, Rio Blanco County KP

10/21 through 10/30 (1) Rifle Gap, Garfield County KP

10/28 (10) Pueblo Reservoir, Pueblo County BP, PS

10/31 (1w) Union Reservoir, Weld County BL, mo

Red-necked Grebe 10/28 (1) Pueblo Reservoir, Pueblo County BP, PS (F)

10/31 (1w) Union Reservoir, Weld County BL, mo

Great Egret 10/10 (1) Hart Basin, Delta County KP, CD

White-faced Ibis 10/24 (1) Hamilton Reservoir, Larimer County DL, KS

Brant, eastern subspecies 10/31 (1) Union Reservoir, Weld County BL, mo

Black Scoter 10/17 (1f) Pueblo Reservoir, Pueblo County BP, LL (F)

Surf Scoter 10/11 (1i) Cherry Creek Reservoir, Arapahoe County GE

Hooded Merganser 10/8 (20) Bel Mar Park, Lakewood, Jefferson County VR

Red-breasted Merganser 10/7 (1m, 1f) Lake DeWeese, Custer County GE, HF

10/23 (5f) Union Reservoir, Weld County BL

10/31 (20f) Union Reservoir, Weld County BL

Northern Goshawk 10/10 (1a) Chatfield State Park, Douglas County BL

Merlin 10/14 (1) South Platte River near Jackson Reservoir, Morgan County GE, HF

Peregrine Falcon 10/31 (1a) I-25 near 120th Avenue, Adams County BL

Blue Grouse 10/1 (2) near Critchell, Jefferson County AH

Greater Prairie-Chicken 10/16 (3) Roads 30 and 59, Sedgwick County IS, mo

Sandhill Crane 10/2 (3) Barr Lake State Park, Adams County BL

Black-bellied Plover 10/18 (2w) Union Reservoir, Weld County GE, HF

Lesser Golden-Plover 10/10 (1a) Hart Basin, Delta County KP, CD

Dunlin 10/18 (1w) Union Reservoir, Weld County GE, HF

Long-tailed Jaeger 10/18 (1i) Union Reservoir, Weld County GE, HF

10/23 (1i) Union Reservoir, Weld County BL, mo

Little Gull 10/15 (1j) 74th Avenue and South Platte River, Adams County KS (F)

Sabine's Gull 10/10 through 10/18 (4i) Pueblo Reservoir, Pueblo County BP

White-eyed Vireo 10/2 (1i) Valco Ponds, Pueblo County BP, LT (F)

Magnolia Warbler 10/6 (1) Waterton, Jefferson County HU

Cape May Warbler 10/31 (1i) Rock Canyon, Pueblo County BP, MJ (F)

Black-throated Blue Warbler 10/1 through 10/8 (1m, minus tail) Colorado Academy, Denver County CW

10/2 (1f) Valco Ponds, Pueblo County BP, SW (F)

10/17 (1) Chatfield State Park, Jefferson County BL, mo

10/10 (1m) Lamar Community College Woods, Prowers County DB

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Yellow-rumped Warbler, "Audubon's" race 10/9 (140) Bear Creek Park, Jefferson County VR, RS
Prairie Warbler 10/11 (1) West 9th Place, Lakewood, Jefferson County VR

Palm Warbler 10/2 (1) Valco Ponds, Pueblo County BP, LT (F)

10/9 Waterton, Jefferson County HU

Bay-breasted Warbler 10/2 (1m, fall plumage) Valco Ponds, Pueblo County LT

10/2 (1i) Sand Creek near Venango, Sedgwick County DB

10/3 (1i) below Bonny Reservoir dam, Yuma County DB

10/13 (1) Rocky Mountain Arsenal, Adams County HU

Worm-eating Warbler 10/8 (1) Prospect Park, Jefferson County VR, KS, PE

Pine Grosbeak 10/28 (2m, 3f) Roads 252 and 253, Garfield County KP

AH = Al Hay, BD = Bob Dickson, BL = Bob and LeaAnn Brown, BP = Brandon Percival, BS = Bob Spencer, CD = Coen Dexter,
CW = Chris Wood, DB = Dan Bridges, DJ = Dave Johnson, DL = Dave Leatherman, GE = Gail Evans, HF = Howard Frisch,
HU = Hugh and Urling Kingery, IS = Ira Sanders, JK = Joey Kellner, KP = Kim Potter, KS = Karleen Schofield, LL = Lindsay Lilly,
LT = Laura Townsend, MJ = Mark Janos, mo = many others, NE = Norm Erthal, PE = Patty Echelmeyer, PS = Pearle Sandstrom-Smith,
RS = Russell Schreiner, SW = Sylvia Wheelock, TJ = Tina Jones, VR = Van Remsen, VT = Van Truan

Abbreviations used: a = adult, f = female, F = form submitted, i = immature, j = juvenile, m = male, w = winter plumage

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

Greg Butcher	310 West Sunbird Cliffs Lane, Colorado Springs 80919 (719) 578-9703	
Howard Frisch	4181 South Ivy Lane, Englewood 80111	758-1549
Dr. Roger J. and Donna Mattson	481 Crawford Street, Golden 80401	
John Sterns	4940 Thunderbird Circle, Apt. #204, Boulder 80303	543-9277

Every little bit counts, so: In order to further speed up the process and get *The Lark Bunting* out ahead of schedule, please send all submissions to this new address:

Kurt Hebner
4011 Douglas Mountain Drive
Golden, CO 80403-7701

I will check the PO box for a couple of months to give people a chance to adjust. Thanks for your cooperation.

DECEMBER DFO FIELD TRIPS

December 3, 4, and 5, Saturday. Longspur trip to see Smith's, Lapland, McCown's, and Chestnut-collared Longspurs. Leaders: Scott Seltman of DFO and the Kansas Ornithological Society (1-913-372-5411) and Linda Vidal (1-925-7134). Friday, we'll drive either to Topeka or Wichita, depending on weather. Saturday, we'll look for Smith's Longspurs, then work our way west looking for other Longspur species. Meet at 0800 on Friday at east end of north parking lot of Denver Museum of Natural History at City Park. If going, call Linda Vidal to arrange carpooling.

December 5, Sunday. Northwest Denver area lakes. Leader: Patty Echelmeyer (233-4947). Meet at 0830 at parking lot at northwest corner of Sloan's Lake at Sheridan Boulevard and West 25th Avenue. Half-day trip. Lunch optional.

Field Trips Submitted By:
Mort Staatz (279-6169)
Ruth Breckon (455-0970)

The rest of the field trips in December are Christmas counts -- make sure to participate in a couple. And don't forget to renew your membership in the DFO!!

Please use the form on the next page to renew your DFO membership. Remember that a gift membership is one that will be remembered throughout the year.



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REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING ON THE FIRST WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER THROUGH MAY, EXCEPT FOR DECEMBER, AT 7:30 PM, DENVER MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY, RICKETSON AUDITORIUM

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, January 5, 1994

PROGRAM: Birds of the Lower Forty-Eight
by Dick Williams

***** COLORADO BIRD REPORT -- 279-3076 *****

REMEMBER TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP IN THE DENVER FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS
THIS MONTH!!

November 1993 Field Trip Summary

November 6, Saturday (NEC)
Northeast Colorado: Denver to Bennett, along Weld, Morgan and Adams County roads, to Bijou Reservoir, Fort Morgan, Muir Springs Park, Bijou Creek and Jackson Reservoir SRA, Orchard, and back to Denver. Leader: Kathy Hawkins. Observers: Gail Evans, Howard Frisch, Phil Hayes, Steve Litz, Jack Reddall, Chuck Walters. (Clear; Wind SW 0 to 8 kph; -7 to 7°C). 3.2 km by car, 341 km on foot. 0630-1800. (74 species; 11,945 individuals)

November 7, Sunday (PMC)
Plum Creek. Leader: Ben Moore. Observers: Ursula Barsch, Dave Compton, Barbara Jenkins, Betty Marshland, Steve Segal. (Clear; Wind NW 0 to 4.8 kph; no temp. reported) 89 km by car, 0.8 km on foot. 0800-1430. (28 species; 198 individuals)

November 13, Saturday (CHA)
Chatfield State Recreational Area. Leaders: Glenn and Jeane Hageman. Observers: Patty Echelmeyer, Gail Evans, Pearl Jordan, Joe and Norma Kamby, Alberta Nelson, Eleanor White. (Clear; Wind variable 0 to 8 kph; 2 to 5°C)

27 km by car, 3.2 km on foot. 0830-1230. (43 species; 781 individuals)

November 14, Sunday
No trip - inclement weather.

November 20, Saturday (CCR)
Cherry Creek Reservoir. Leaders: Floyd and Elizabeth Pendell. Observers: Steve Litz, Jim Norton, Buzz Schaumburg. (Partly cloudy; Wind calm; -7 to 12°C) 6.2 km by car, 1.2 km on foot. 0800-1230. (31 species; 1,230 individuals)

November 21, Sunday (WGB)
Wheat Ridge Greenbelt. Leader: Ruth Breckon. Observers: Phil Hayes, David Laliberte, Steve Litz, Steven Segal. (Clear; Calm; 5 to 15°C) 0 km by car, 4.8 km on foot. 0830-1230. (38 species; 380 individuals)

November 27, Saturday (PRV)
Platte River Valley. Leader: Jackie King. Observers: Joe and Norma Kamby, David Laliberte, Steve Litz, Edward Schaumburg. (Clear; Wind NW 3 to 5 kph; 4 to 12°C) 129 km by car, 0.8 km on foot. (39 species; 1,836 individuals)

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November 28, Sunday (LMA)
Longmont area, including Jim Hamum Park, Union Reservoir, Golden Ponds, and Valmont Reservoir.
Leaders: Bill, Inez, and John Prather.
Observers: Marlene Eggerling, Peter Gent, Joe Himmel, Barbara Hyde, DW King, Tim Kuesel, Steve Litz, Myron and Suzi Plooster, Karleen Schofield, Steve Segal, Bob Spencer, Mort Staatz, Joe TenBrink, John Tumasonis.
(Clear to partly cloudy; Wind 0 to 16 kph; -1 to 16°C) 48 km by car, 3.2 km on foot.
0800-1430. (56 species; 5,488 individuals)

Tuesday Birders Field Trips
(Compiled by Monna Krebs)

November 2. Old Stone House (Estes and Yale), Bear Creek Park (BCP). Leader: Ann Bonnell. 28 observers. (Sunny; Wind S 4.8 to 24 kph; 2 to 11°C) 0900-1230. 28 species; 354 individuals.

November 9. South Platte Park (SPP). Leader: Ann Bonnell. 37 observers. (Sunny; Wind variable 9.6 to 19.2 kph; 3 to 11°C) 0900-1230. 38 species; 809 individuals.

November 16. Hudson to Jackson Reservoir (HJR). Leader: Ann Bonnell. 29 observers. (Fog early, then sunny; Wind S 8 to 16 kph; -3 to 13°C) 0930-1530. 41 species; 4,779 individuals.

November 23. Chatfield State Park (CSP). Leader: Ann Bonnell. 15 observers. (Cloudy with fog and light drizzle; Wind NE 16 to 24 kph; -7 to -3°C) 0900-1300. 33 species; 292 individuals.

November 30. Cherry Creek Reservoir State Park (CHC). Leader: Ann Bonnell. 25 observers. (Cloudy to partly sunny; Wind NE 0 to 8 kph; 4 to 10°C) 0900-1230. 30 species; 1,502 individuals.

Independent Trip

November 19. Denver to Red Lion SWA, Jumbo SWA, Tamarack Ranch SWA, Crook to Sterling, Prewitt Reservoir SWA, Fort Morgan, Muir Springs Park, Bijou Creek, Weldona, Jackson Reservoir SRA, Orchard, back to Denver (ALC). Observers: Ted Cooper, Norm Lewis, Jack Reddall. (Clear; Wind NW to S 8 to 40 kph; -7 to 5°C) 0545-1900. 62 species; 40,554 individuals.

NOVEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

A total of 99 species was reported from the 7 scheduled field trips in November. Of the species seen by the Tuesday Birders, 7 were seen on no DFO trip, and the independent trip reported 3 additional species, making a total of 109 species shown on Table 1 (Pages 33-36). In addition, 10 species were reported as additional sightings, and not reported on any DFO trip. Thus, 119 species were reported to the DFO for the month of November, 1993.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

On May 8, 1993, Colorado participated in the North American Migration Count. Two counties were counted for a total of 200 species. Pueblo County had 180 and El Paso County had 159 species of birds. Brandon Percival, DFO member from the Pueblo area, asks for volunteers for county coordinators for the 1994 count. The 1994 count will be held on May 14. The object is to have a CBC-type birding day, with the boundaries being the county line. Brandon is the Colorado Coordinator for the NAMC for 1994, and would appreciate help with the other counties in Colorado. The project does not carry any fees. Please call Brandon at 719 547-3722 and volunteer to help.

Big Year Birders Take Note: *The Lark Bunting* would like to informally recognize any DFO members who have seen 300 or more species of birds in the year 1993. Therefore, if you accomplish this difficult and commendable feat, please do not fail to contact Gail Evans at 771-5118 before January 14, 1994, so that you are included in the article planned for early next year.

Thanks to Contributors to the Colorado Bird Report in November:

Ann Bonnell
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Robert and Juv Fleming
Don and Diana Mullineaux
David and Sherrill Pantle
Brandon Percival
Suzi and Myron Plooster
Aaron Sell
Ted Stockmar
Linda Vidal
Chris Wood

From April 29 to May 8, Bob Righter will be leading the third DFO Southeastern Arizona Bird Trip. Ten days of sheer bliss await the participants as we bird all the hot spots of the region. All expenses shared. Contact Bob Righter (692-8529) at the first of the year for more information, lists of birds seen on previous trips, etc. Participation is limited to 8 birders.

Bird Banding in Boulder County

The Allegra Collister Nature Preserve (or Lykins Gulch) is a small ravine north of Boulder near the foothills. It makes an ideal spot for birds with its lush vegetation and spring-fed stream. Many migrants - some rare - and some breeders and year-round residents can find shelter and most years a good food supply.

A bird banding station was established in Lykins Gulch in the early 1950's by the well-known bander Allegra Collister. Hundreds of birds were banded there by Ms. Collister, and in the 1970's first Tony Esposito and then Craig Williams joined the team. When Allegra moved to California in 1976, Craig became the master bander. The station was closed in 1984 due to destruction of the habitat by grazing cattle.

In 1991, the Boulder County Nature association negotiated to have the property declared a preserve, and with the help of volunteers it was fenced off. The area is now named in honor of Allegra Collister. It is maintained by the Nature Association. Banding resumed in the spring of 1991 under the sponsorship of the Colorado Bird Observatory, with Craig Williams again in charge.

The banding team now consists of volunteers, including Elizabeth Ammon, Alex Brown, Virginia Dionigi, Tony Esposito, Joe Harrison, John Prather, and Irma Teittinen. DW King helps with a sight list. Craig Williams as since moved to Montana.

Banding is held during spring and fall migration, usually occurs three mornings per week. Visitors are welcome, and the experience is great for birders of all skill levels. If you are interested, call Virginia Dionigi at 776-2609.

Leaders for Denver Urban Christmas Bird Count -- Saturday January 1, 1994

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|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 1. South Platte River South | Harold and Betty Oliver (936-6902) |
| 2. South Platte River North | Duane Nelson (277-9748) |
| 3. Rocky Mountain Arsenal | Ed Holub (979-2194) |
| 4. Commerce City-Montbello | Jackie King (287-1644) |
| 5. Aurora Riparian | Virginia Bleck (320-6130) |
| 6. Buckley Field | Ron Beane (722-5804) |
| 7. Cherry Creek Reservoir | Jack Reddall (771-5308) |
| 8A Kent School-South of Hampden | Lynn Willcockson (757-7000) |
| 8B Southeast Denver-N of Hampden | Walt Hackney (750-2823) |
| 9. Washington Park-Denver. Co. Club | Doug Ward (937-7574) |
| 10. Cherry Creek | Julene Pimentel (777-7297) |
| 11. Fairmont Cemetery | Ann Bonnell (979-6211) |
| 12. Denver Zoo | Mary Patterson (759-0470) |
| 13. City Park-Park Hill | David Pantle (333-8352) |
| 14. Denver Botanic Gardens | Tom Faxon (377-0235) |
| 15. Feeders | Jeane Hageman (322-6589) |

Compilation at 1700 (5:00 PM) and pot-luck supper hosted by Sherrill and David Pantle in Park Hill, 1782 Locust Street, Denver, 333-8352. All DFO and DAS members invited.

Every little bit counts, so: In order to further speed up the process and get *The Lark Bunting* out ahead of schedule, please send all submissions to this new address:

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I will check the PO box for a couple of months to give people a chance to adjust. Thanks for your cooperation.

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Table 1, November Field Trips

	6	7	13	20	21	27	28		2	9	16	23	30		19	
	NEC	PMC	CHA	OCR	WGB	PRV	LMA		BCP	SPP	HJR	CSP	CHC		ALC	
Common Loon	1		1							1		1				Common Loon
Pied-billed Grebe	4		2	2	1	1	10			6						Pied-billed Grebe
Horned Grebe	6		1													Horned Grebe
Eared Grebe	11															Eared Grebe
Western Grebe	20		3				12			2						Western Grebe
American White Pelican										3			1		1	American White Pelican
Double-crested Cormorant	1			10			6						1			Double-crested Cormorant
Great Blue Heron	1			1			4			2	1	1			2	Great Blue Heron
Black-crowned Night-Heron									1							Black-crowned Night-Heron
Tundra Swan							1									Tundra Swan
Greater White-fronted Goose															1a1i	Greater White-fronted Goose
Snow Goose																Snow Goose
white morph	5a2i		5												30	white morph
"Blue" morph			1												1	"Blue" morph
Ross' Goose										1						Ross' Goose
Canada Goose	2500		111	47	78	180	2000		75	390	40	75	630		8900	Canada Goose
Wood Duck	5														7	Wood Duck
Green-winged Teal	40		45	55	4	20	5			10	30		60		5	Green-winged Teal
Mallard	1100	10	75	31	53	70	2500		48	85	10	6	7		20000	Mallard
Northern Pintail	30		5	2		40	30					1m1f			200	Northern Pintail
Northern Shoveler	600		3		2	140	12				3020				150	Northern Shoveler
Gadwall	50		15		9	10	4		12	10	30	1	1		1f	Gadwall
American Wigeon	2m1f		42	1	3	12	4		3	39		2			2m1f	American Wigeon
Canvasback	25						15		1i	1i					8m1f	Canvasback
Redhead	7				2		5		32						4	Redhead
Ring-necked Duck					13		20		24	11		4			3m	Ring-necked Duck
Lesser Scaup	250				21		7		7						60	Lesser Scaup
Common Goldeneye	6		18	55	4	160	50			4	3	11	10		50	Common Goldeneye
Barrow's Goldeneye	1m															Barrow's Goldeneye
Bufflehead	150		2	3	2	10				15		2m2f			30	Bufflehead
Hooded Merganser	4f			3	5		40								10	Hooded Merganser
Common Merganser	5		1	300		1	100			8	3m8f	2f	60		1500	Common Merganser
Red-breasted Merganser	15														6f	Red-breasted Merganser
Ruddy Duck	180					2			1		4					Ruddy Duck

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	NEC	PMC	CHA	OCR	WGB	PRV	LMA	BCP	SPP	HJR	CSP	CHC	ALC
Bald Eagle						4a3f	2			3			2a9f
Northern Harrier	1m2f		2	1		2	1				2	1	
Sharp-shinned Hawk	1a								1				
Cooper's Hawk	1		1					1	1	2			
Northern Goshawk													
Red-tailed Hawk		2		1		10	5	2		1	2a1i	1a1i	
dark morph								1	3			1i	
western races	9		4										20
Ferruginous Hawk	1a1i					30	1			4			5
Rough-legged Hawk	5					3				1			9
<i>Buteo</i> species										3	1		
Golden Eagle	3a												1a1i
American Kestrel	9		1		1	3m1f	6	1m1f	3	4	1	2	12
Merlin	1												
Prairie Falcon	4												1
Ring-necked Pheasant		1				12	1			2+1h			1m
Northern Bobwhite										4			2
Virginia Rail							2						
Sora								1					
American Coot	25		101	30	1		100				54	3	5
Killdeer	25		1				1		4	3	3		3
Baird's Sandpiper	8												
Dunlin							1						
Common Snipe	20						4		3				25
Bonaparte's Gull	15		5										2
Ring-billed Gull	250		16	505	79	225	100	5	14	2	8	62	7500
California Gull			1		1	2			1		1		
Herring Gull	3		1				3			2			800
<i>Larus</i> species										6			
Rock Dove	45	5			9	250	50	23	3	9		9	100
Eastern Screech-Owl					1					1	2		
Great Horned Owl	2		2	1									1
Long-eared Owl										2			
Belted Kingfisher	2		1		1	1m1f	2	2	1	1	1	1	1
Lewis' Woodpecker		3											
Downy Woodpecker		2	2	1	1	1f	2	3		1		1m	
eastern races	1m1f												3
Hairy Woodpecker	2	2								1			
Northern Flicker								12	12	59	6	21	15
"Red-shafted" race	15	6	5	3	8	3							

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	NEC	PMC	CHA	OCR	WGB	PRV	LMA		BCP	SPP	HJR	CSP	CHC		ALC	
American Tree Sparrow	10		4	7	3		35		5		50	1	33		20	American Tree Sparrow
Song Sparrow	10		6	4	3	2	40		5	2		2	1h		5	Song Sparrow
Swamp Sparrow															1a	Swamp Sparrow
White-throated Sparrow		2													1a	White-throated Sparrow
White-crowned Sparrow			5			10	35			1						White-crowned Sparrow
"Gambel's" race	60				2										15	"Gambel's" race
Dark-eyed Junco		1			13							35	16		1	Dark-eyed Junco
"Slate-colored" race			4	4							7				1	"Slate-colored" race
"Oregon" race	8		5												25	"Oregon" race
"Pink-sided" race		2	3				6									"Pink-sided" race
"Gray-headed" race		1														"Gray-headed" race
Lapland Longspur	1															Lapland Longspur
Red-winged Blackbird	5000			15	1	200	20			8	250		340		400	Red-winged Blackbird
Western Meadowlark	15					10					3		1			Western Meadowlark
Yellow-headed Blackbird	4															Yellow-headed Blackbird
Rusty Blackbird							4									Rusty Blackbird
Brewer's Blackbird	1m															Brewer's Blackbird
Common Grackle	7															Common Grackle
House Finch	40	18	3	1	9	60	10		24	12	1		63		10	House Finch
Pine Siskin		2											1			Pine Siskin
American Goldfinch	60		2	5	9	9	8						2		10	American Goldfinch
<i>Carduelis</i> species											35					<i>Carduelis</i> species
Evening Grosbeak		8														Evening Grosbeak
House Sparrow	80	2			5	40	6			4	6				25	House Sparrow
	74	28	43	31	38	39	56		28	38	41	33	30		62	
	11945	198	781	1230	380	1836	5488		354	809	4779	292	1502		40554	

ADDITIONAL NOVEMBER 1993 REPORTS

Instructions for submitting "Additional reports"

1. Individual "Additional Reports" of interesting sightings made during the month are welcomed. However, the Editor reserves the right to publish only those reports that are deemed unusual or rare, or augmenting the reports submitted by the leaders of scheduled DFO field trips. For a guide to the species that are of most interest, see Pages 122 through 125 of the *Lark Bunting*, Volume 28, Number 12 (September 1993).
2. The reports should be submitted in Sixth AOU Checklist order, and include the date(s) of observation, number of birds seen, sex, and plumage, if possible. Also, specific, detailed location (including county) information should be provided. A guide to preparing written documentation to support observation of extremely rare or accidental species as well as for those species that pose difficult field identification problems may be found in the *Lark Bunting*, Volume 27, Number 10 (July 1992).
3. Deadline for receipt of all additional reports is the fifth of the following month. They should be sent to the Editor.

Red-throated Loon 11/11 through 11/16 (1, molting to basic plumage) Cherry Ck Res. SP, Arapahoe Co. JR
Common Loon 11/10 (1) Lake just west of South Platte River Park visitor center, Arapahoe County SS
Tundra Swan 11/20 (1) Golden Pond Park, Longmont, Boulder County BL
Snow Goose, white morph 11/13 (1) Hunter's Glen Lake and Park, Adams County DL
Ross' Goose 11/13 (1) Reservoir at 120th Ave and Washington Street, Adams County DL
Oldsquaw 11/14 (fw) Rifle Gap, Garfield County KP
Black Scoter 11/16 through 11/22 (1f or i) Cherry Creek Reservoir SP, Arapahoe County JR
Barrow's Goldeneye 11/11 (1m) Rifle Gap, Garfield County KP
11/22 (1m) Cherry Creek Reservoir SP, Arapahoe County JR
11/25 (1m, 1f) Rifle Gap, Garfield County KP
Red-breasted Merganser 11/22 (5m, 5f) Cherry Creek Reservoir SP, Arapahoe County BoB
Blue Grouse 11/7 (1f) Green Mountain Falls, Teller County RB
Least Sandpiper 11/10 (1) Jackson Reservoir SRA, Morgan County JR
Baird's Sandpiper 11/10 (4) Jackson Reservoir, Morgan County JR
Dunlin 11/3, 11/5, 11/10 (1) Prairie Loop area, Cherry Creek Reservoir SP, Arapahoe County BoB
11/16 (1, basic plumage) Cherry Creek Reservoir SP, Arapahoe County JR
Thayer's Gull 11/11 and 11/22 (1, first winter plumage) Cherry Creek Reservoir SP, Arapahoe County JR
Northern Pygmy-Owl 11/6 (1) Catamount Creek, Pike National Forest, Teller County RB
11/16 and 11/24 (1) Green Mountain Falls, Teller County RB
Varied Thrush 11/22 (1m) Mines Park, Golden, Jefferson County GD
Harris' Sparrow 11/12 (1) Prairie Loop area, Cherry Creek Reservoir SP, Arapahoe County BoB
11/18 through 11/24 (1, first winter plumage) Rifle Gap, Garfield County KP
Lapland Longspur 11/10 (75) County Roads 4 and 83, Weld County JR
Rusty Blackbird 11/20 (1f) Golden Pond Park, Longmont, Boulder County BL
Rosy Finch 11/27 (5) Intersection of Routes 10 and 11, Fort Carson, Pueblo County RB

BL = Bob and LeaAnn Brown, BoB = Bob Brown, DL = David Laliberte, GD = Gerald Dunphy, JR = Jack Reddall, KP = Kim Potter,
RB = Richard Bunn, SS = Steven Segal

Abbreviations used: f = female, i = immature, m = male, w = winter plumage

JANUARY FIELD TRIPS

January 1 & 2, Saturday and Sunday.
Christmas counts. See the November issue of
The Lark Bunting for details.

January 8, Saturday. Wheat Ridge Greenbelt.
Leader: Bob Spencer (279-4682). Meet at 0830 at
Prospect Park Lake, south of West 44th Avenue
near Robb Street. £ +

January 9, Sunday. Lakes from Wheat Ridge to
Golden. Leader: Diana Mullineaux (278-7245).
Meet at 0900 at Prospect Park Lake, south of West
44th Avenue near Robb Street. Ø +

January 15, Saturday. Platte River & ponds of
Adams County. Leader: David Laliberte
(297-2504). Meet at 0800 at east end of north
parking lot of Denver Museum of Natural History
at City Park. £

January 16, Sunday. Barr Lake periphery.
Leader: Jackie King (287-1644). Meet at 0800 at
east end of north parking lot of Denver Museum of
Natural History at City Park. £

January 22, Saturday. Boulder area. Leaders:
Myron and Suzi Plooster (494-6708). Wild
Turkeys and winter mountain birds, plus a look at
open water on the plains. Carpool at 0845 at
Wheat Ridge Methodist Church (West 38th Avenue
at Vance Street, one block east of Wadsworth, park
on street), or meet leaders at 0930 in north parking
lot of US Dept. of Commerce Boulder Laboratories
(from US 36, take Baseline exit and turn left, left
again at next light; cross street at next light onto lab
grounds). Chili and hot drinks at leaders' house
for lunch. This is a full-day trip - until 1700 or
1730 in order to see turkeys at dusk. Interested
participants must call leaders if going.

January 23, Sunday. Urban South Platte River.
Leader: Ruth Breckon (455-0970). Meet at 0830
on west side of King Soopers at northeast corner
of South Federal and Bellevue. Ø +

January 29, Saturday. Rocky Mountain Arsenal.
Leader: Ed Holub (979-2194). Interested
participants must call leader for details.

January 30, Sunday. Adams County hawks and
waterfowl. Leader: Joe TenBrink (320-4858).
Meet leader at 0800 at east end of north parking lot
of Museum of Natural History at City Park. £

£ = bring lunch, Ø = lunch optional, + = half-day trip

If you would be interested in a trip to the North
Platte, Nebraska area in March to see Sandhill
Cranes and waterfowl, please call Ruth Breckon
(455-0970, evenings) or Jackie King (287-1644).

Field Trips Submitted By:
Ruth Breckon (455-0970)
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Please use the form on the next page to renew your
DFO membership. Remember that a gift
membership is one that will be remembered
throughout the year.

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